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Survey shows students lean right

By BENJAMIN WOOD
editor in chief

According to an unscientific survey conducted by The Utah Statesman, 51 percent of students generally self-align with the Republican Party.

Students were asked if they were registered for a political party and, if not, if they generally agree with one party over the others.

Of the 248 students who participated in the survey, 24 percent were registered members of the Republican Party, while another 27 percent selected the Republicans as the party they tend to agree with.

Registered Democrats made up 10 percent, with an additional 8 percent generally agreeing with that party's platforms.

Michael Lyons, an associate professor in the department of political science who was not involved with the survey, said the number of registered voters on campus is probably lower than the survey suggests, but that the majority of students on campus would likely lean towards the Republican Party.

"What you're mostly getting in USU is students reflecting the views of their parents and the community around them," Lyons said.

"Most people 17, 18, 19 years old have not given enough thought to issues to formulate what they think."

Of those students who were registered to vote, 32 percent were not registered for a political party and of the total pool of respondents, 25 percent said they do not agree with

Which way do USU students lean?

Republican 51%*
Democrat 18%*



* Combined results of "With which party are you registered?" and "Do you generally agree with one party or another?" All figures are results of a non-scientific survey of 248 USU students conducted week of Oct. 16 near the TSC.

a particular party.

Lyons said these numbers of political independence are not uncommon.

"Roughly 40 percent (of Americans) claim to be independent," Lyons said.

Lyons described himself as a strong advocate of parties and said that often when individuals do not claim a political affiliation, it is more a result of being uninformed on issues than conflicting with the parties' platforms.

"The more informed you are the more likely you are to have a secure party identity," Lyons said, adding that older individuals tend

Registered to Vote?

Yes 68%
No 32%

If yes, are you registered with a party?

Yes 68%
No 32%

If yes ...

Repub 62%
Demo 25%
Other 13%

Do you generally agree with one party?

Unregistered:
Repub 62%
Demo 38%

Registered...

Repub 71%
Demo 22%
Other 7%

Did you vote in last general election?

Yes 68%
No 32%

If yes

McCain 46%
Obama 37%
Other 17%

If no, who would you have voted for?

McCain 54%
Obama 25%
Other 21%

Plan to vote in mid-term elections?

Yes 71%
No 29%

to be more secure in their affiliations.

"It's when you start to pay taxes and government starts to affect you more directly that you become more concerned with politics," he said.

Lyons also suggested that while college campuses are normally considered liberal-leaning, the academic emphasis of USU coincides with conservative groups. Engineering, science, agriculture and business – the major fields at typical land-grant universities such as Utah State – tend to be made up of conservatives who value order, organization and

finite conclusions. Social sciences like political science and humanities that deal more with theoretical applications of behavior tend to lean liberal.

"People with a high tolerance for disorder and ambiguity are more likely to be liberals," Lyons said, joking that the very topic he was discussing would be an example of the theoretical analysis of human behavior liberal-minded people are involved in.

"We (USU) are not an outlier, we're part of a broad group," Lyons said.

While many people frown upon certain aspects of party politics, Lyons said that in a democracy, the formation of groups by like-minded individuals is inevitable.

"There is no such thing as a viable democracy without political parties," Lyons said. "I would fear any attempt to operate a democracy without parties."

Lyons said that parties play a crucial role in American politics, framing elections in a way that the average citizen need not spend exhaustive efforts educating themselves on the minutiae of each issue at stake. Without parties, he said, we would be left with what the philosopher Thomas Hobbes described as a "war of all against all."

"You're left with interest groups who view issues through narrow prisms of their own self-interest," Lyons said.

With parties, he said, groups have to take a broad perspective on a wide-range of issues

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Grant fuels vaccine training program

By DAN SMITH
staff writer

USU received a \$300,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to fund a vaccine-manufacturing training program, said Kamal Rashid, associate director and research professor for the Center for Integrated Bio-Systems (CIB).

The program will specifically focus on improving production of influenza vaccines. Exceptional facilities and faculty at Utah State continue to make major advances in research that help set the university apart from others, Rashid said.

"The whole idea is how to be prepared in case of an outbreak of influenza," Rashid said. "How do you be prepared? By having vaccines so when there is disease, you can vaccinate people. Prevention is always better than treatment."

Rashid, along with Research Assistant Professor Bart Tarbet from the Institute for Antiviral Research, was recently awarded

the grant and will work toward implementing the training program for members of various international scientific communities in developing countries.

The countries sending participants to USU for training include Egypt, India, Indonesia, Vietnam and Mexico. There are a total of 11 countries participating.

"The better the world is prepared to battle these diseases from spreading, the better for the U.S. also," Rashid said.

The grant was awarded by the DHHS's Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA). The money will help pay for travel expenses, lodging, meals and visas for the vaccine production teams from the 11 countries, Tarbet said.

The course will be taught at CIB's cutting-edge facilities and last three weeks. He said the course will be highly intensive, starting with theory and science and then focusing on hands-on practice.

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Utah State receives most federal funding

By DAN SMITH
staff writer

Utah State will look to set itself apart as one of the nation's top research universities as funding faces further decline, said Michael Kennedy, vice president for federal and state relations.

"Big schools who are known get bigger, and the small schools, who are not known, have a chance to die on the vine," Kennedy said, indicating USU's fortitude would come in the form of a one-of-a-kind research program.

A lot of university funds come from state, local and private benefactors. However,

"We have enjoyed a great relationship with Senator Bob Bennett, and he has been a great champion for our research."

— Michael Kennedy,
vice president for federal
and state relations

"We have enjoyed a great relationship with Senator Bennett, and he has been a great champion for our research," Kennedy said. "We look forward to working with his successor and our entire delegation, in fulfilling our

economically vital research mission."

With Bennett moving out of office, USU will be on the lookout for a new political advocate for the appropriation of federal funds. Bennett has been on the Federal Appropriations Committee for 18 years. Kennedy said the amount of earmark funding will definitely drop after Bennett is gone.

Mike Lee, the republican senatorial candidate, will presumably win November elections, he said. According to Kennedy, Lee said he's going to do a one-year earmark moratorium to allow for earmark reform.

"It's really kind of a rare time in history where a new senator can get on the committee. I think a guy like Mike Lee could probably get on, if he wanted to," Kennedy said. "If Mike Lee becomes senator, we'll work with him to understand how important these projects are."

Director of the Energy Dynamics Lab (EDL) Jeff Muhs said its Innovation Campus facility will generate around \$8 million in revenue this fiscal year. The

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KAMAL A. RASHID, Ph.D. associate director and research professor, and Bart Tarbet, Ph.D. research associate professor, work with different types of bench scale bioreactors in the Biotech lab, Tuesday. ANI MIRZAKHANYAN photo

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Lauren Hansen is nearing the title of all-time leading scorer at USU.

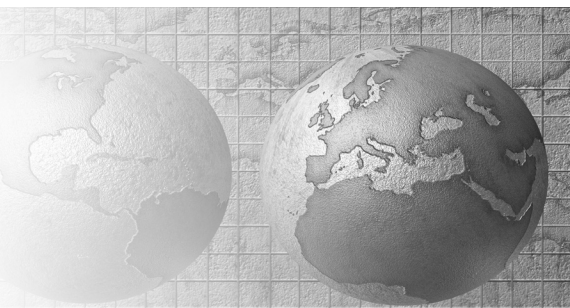
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Nat'l Briefs

Feds approve biggest solar project in Calif.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration has approved a thousand-megawatt solar project on federal land in southern California, the largest solar project ever planned on U.S. public lands.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar hailed the \$6 billion Blythe Solar Power Project, to be built in the Mojave Desert near Blythe, Calif., as the start of a boom in solar power on federal lands.

“Today is a day that makes me excited about the nation’s future,” Salazar said Monday at a news conference. “This project shows in a real way how harnessing our own renewable resources can create good jobs here at home.”

Financier gives \$1M to Calif. pot legalization

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Billionaire financier George Soros has thrown his weight behind California’s marijuana legalization measure with a \$1 million donation a week before the vote.

The contribution reported Tuesday by The Sacramento Bee is the single biggest donation from an individual other than Proposition 19’s main sponsor, Oakland medical marijuana entrepreneur Richard Lee.

Soros, a high-profile liberal and philanthropist, has long backed drug law reform. He was one of the top financial backers of California’s first-in-the-nation measure that legalized medical marijuana in the state in 1996.

‘Plantations’ in state’s name may be dropped

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — This state’s official name — The State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations — is more than just a mouthful. To many, it evokes stinging reminders of Rhode Island’s prime role in the trans-Atlantic slave trade.

Voters next Tuesday will decide whether to change the name by dropping the words “and Providence Plantations.” The issue has been debated for years, but lawmakers last year authorized a ballot question for the first time following an impassioned debate over race relations, ancestry and history.

Supporters of the referendum see the ballot question as a chance to erase the state’s links to slavery and remove a word they associate with human bondage.

LateNiteHumor

Top 10 Things Never Before Said by a NASCAR Driver — Sept. 13, 2006

- 10. Kasey Kahne: “Anyone know how to drive a stick?”
- 9. Jeff Gordon: “Does this gas taste funny to you?”
- 8. Jeff Burton: “I don’t care much for country music or beer.”
- 7. Mark Martin: “Switch the ‘r’ and ‘c’ in ‘racing’ and you get ‘caring.’”
- 6. Dale Earnhardt Jr.: “Wow, Letterman looks so young in person.”
- 5. Denny Hamlin: “You’re looking at a guy who can drive 500 miles without taking a leak.”
- 4. Kyle Busch: “A truly great driver doesn’t mind asking for directions, am I right, ladies?”
- 3. Kevin Harvick: “It would be nice if the guys in the pits occasionally surprised me with a piece of carrot cake or something.”
- 2. Jimmie Johnson: “The Nextel Cup is great, but what I’m really excited for is Late Show Ventriloquist Week.”
- 1. Matt Kenseth: “If you think I’m fast in my car, you should see me in the bedroom.”

Activists: Mormon beliefs factor into LGBT struggle, church not safe place

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Ben Jarvis has heard a lot of coming out stories. For the past 15 years, the southern California-based urban planner has been answering a hotline number for Mormons struggling with their sexual identity. Jarvis, a volunteer for Affirmation, a support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Mormons, estimates he’s talked to as many as 3,000 people.

Many of them are “deathly afraid,” their secret will be discovered by friends, family, or members of their Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints congregations, he said.

In a faith where the traditional family is deeply woven into theology and where there is seemingly no line between religion and culture, the potential losses for LGBT Mormons who come out can be devastating, Jarvis and others say. “There are so many great things about Mormon culture and the LDS church, but it is not a safe place for gay and lesbian people,” said Jarvis, 42, a seventh-generation Mormon who came out in 1993 and has since left the church.

Some gay rights activists say the timing and content of an Oct. 3 sermon by Elder Boyd K. Packer, the second-highest ranking church leader, that denounced homosexual attraction as unnatural and immoral only exacerbated the troubled relationship. Packer suggested gays could change their orientation with enough faith.

His remarks came in the wake of the national furor over a Rutgers University freshman jumping to his death off New York’s George Washington Bridge after his roommate secretly filmed him during a “sexual encounter” in his dorm room and posted it live on the Internet.

The student was not Mormon, but Utah’s gay rights activists, some with roots in Mormonism, were quick to draw a connection to their own situation. They say the painful isolation that some LGBT individuals experience can lead to suicide. Anecdotes about the suicides of gay Mormons from Affirmation’s website, posts on the PrideinUtah blog and other sites seem to support the contention.

“It’s an enormous problem, especially in Utah,” said Eric Ethington, who runs the PrideinUtah blog.

Mormon church officials take issue with the characterizations made by gay rights activists.

“It is disappointing when some try to use an emotional issue such as suicide to misrepresent the role of the church in the lives of its members,” said Mormon church spokesperson Kim Farah, in response to Ethington.

“The causes of suicide are many and complex and touch many levels of society. No one understands what ultimately leads someone to take this action but all can agree that even one loss of life is a tragedy.”

Ethington led some 4,500 black-clad activists in a silent protest of Packer’s



GAY RIGHTS ACTIVISTS lay on the sidewalk near The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints’ temple in Salt Lake City on Oct. 7. A sermon by a high-ranking church official on Oct. 3 denouncing homosexual attraction as unnatural and immoral exacerbated the troubled relationship with many LGTB Mormons. *AP photo*

sermon outside the church’s downtown Salt Lake City headquarters.

The Human Rights Campaign, the nation’s largest gay civil rights organization, lobbied the church for a retraction of what it called inaccurate and hurtful remarks in a petition signed by 150,000 of its members and supporters. Some critics said Packer’s words were dangerous in light of at least four known September suicides by young men across the country, including the New York case, following reported incidents of anti-gay bullying.

In a rare response, church leaders called the deaths tragic and said the faith joins others “in unreserved condemnation of acts of cruelty, or attempts to belittle or mock any group or individual that is different.”

Speaking on behalf of church leaders, spokesman Michael Otterson also said “each Latter-day Saint family and individual should carefully reconsider whether their attitudes and actions toward others properly reflect Jesus Christ’s second great commandment — to love one another.”

Indonesia tsunami kills 113, many missing



RESIDENTS FLEE THEIR homes Oct. 25 to higher ground after a strong earthquake in Padang, West Sumatra, Indonesia. The powerful quake hit off western Indonesia late Monday, briefly triggering a tsunami warning that sent thousands of panicked residents fleeing to high ground. *AP photo*

PADANG, Indonesia (AP) — Rescuers battled rough seas Tuesday to reach remote Indonesian islands pounded by a 10-foot (three-meter) tsunami that swept away homes, killing at least 113 people. Scores more were missing and information was only beginning to trickle in from the sparsely populated surfing destination, so casualties were expected to rise.

With few able to get to the islands to help with searches, fisherman were left to find the dead and look for the living. Corpses were strewn about since there were not enough people to dig graves, according to the Mentawai district chief, Edison Salelo Baja. More than 4,000 people expected to spend the night without shelter because tents and other supplies had also not arrived.

The fault that ruptured Monday on Sumatra island’s coast also caused the 2004 quake and monster Indian Ocean tsunami that killed 230,000 people in a

dozen countries. Though hundreds of disaster officials were unable to get to many of the villages on the Mentawai islands — reachable only by a 12-hour boat ride — they were preparing for the worst. “We have 200 body bags on the way, just in case,” said Mujiharto, who heads the Health Ministry’s crisis center, shortly before announcing a five-fold increase in the death toll. Indonesia, the world’s largest archipelago, is prone to earthquakes and volcanic activity due to its location on the so-called Pacific Ring of Fire — a series of fault lines stretching from the Western Hemisphere through Japan and Southeast Asia. The country’s most volatile volcano, Mount Merapi, 800 miles to the east, started to erupt at dusk Tuesday as scientists warned that pressure building beneath its lava dome could trigger one of the most powerful blasts in years.

U.S.: Enemies searching Iraqi WikiLeaks papers

BAGHDAD (AP) — U.S. enemies already are combing through data released last week in a trove of Iraq war documents for ways to harm the American military, the Pentagon’s No. 2 official said Tuesday.

U.S. Deputy Defense Secretary William J. Lynn called the documents “stolen material” and said they give adversaries key insight on how the U.S. military operates. He did not say which groups, or how the Pentagon knew they were researching the documents.

“There are groups out there that have said they are indeed mining this data to turn around and use against us,” Lynn told a small group of reporters during a brief visit to Baghdad. “We think this is problematic.”

The Pentagon furiously opposed the documents’ release Saturday by the whistle-blower WikiLeaks web-

site. Lynn’s remarks came a day after WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange told CNN that the nearly 400,000 papers did not put troops at risk because the names of any soldiers or Iraqi civilians have been redacted.

The U.S. has said that the WikiLeaks release of secret Afghan and Iraq war documents threatens national security.

WikiLeaks posted about 77,000 Afghanistan war logs on its site in July, and the Pentagon concluded that no U.S. intelligence sources or practices were compromised by the posting. A few weeks later, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said he was not yet aware of any Afghan people who were killed as the result of the leak, “but I put emphasis on the word ‘yet.’”

Lynn said the leaked information would not change

the way the estimated 50,000 U.S. troops in Iraq operate. But he said he is mulling ways to keep more documents from leaking in the future, such as having computer systems monitor for irregular data searches.

“It does seem like commonsense, and I don’t think we’re doing enough of it, frankly,” Lynn said.

In Washington, Pentagon spokesman Marine Col. David Lapan said WikiLeaks may have even more classified material than U.S. officials previously believed. He declined to characterize it, but WikiLeaks already has posted half a million secret Iraq and Afghanistan war files since July.

The group is also believed to have another 15,000 Afghan war field reports, 260,000 diplomatic cables and U.S. video of casualties in Afghanistan.

Animal lovers mourn giant stag killed in Britain

LONDON (AP) — It’s a photo of animal majesty that has turned into a murder mystery: Who shot the Emperor?

Nature lovers on Tuesday were mourning a red stag dubbed the Emperor of Exmoor — a 9-foot giant reported to be the biggest wild animal in the British Isles. He was found dead days after his picture appeared in the national press.

The Emperor’s size set him apart from the herd, but may also have made him prize prey for hunters willing to pay handsomely for such a majestic trophy.

“With a set of antlers such as this deer had, it was basically going to kill him in the end,” said Richard Austin, the photographer whose images

appeared in newspapers — inevitably accompanied by the word “majestic.”

“He was his own worst enemy, I suppose,” Austin told the BBC. “Growing that big and that huge and that magnificent, he was a definite target.”

For the 12 years of his life, the Emperor roamed Exmoor in southwest England, a wild swath of heath and woodland that has drawn hunters for 1,000 years. At 300 pounds (135 kilograms), he towered over the other stags around him, and during the autumn mating season he easily kept them at bay as he attracted a harem of female deer.

Austin photographed the stag during last year’s mating season and again this year, publishing photos that



A BRITISH NEWSPAPER published a photo of the stag “the Emperor of Exmoor” on Oct. 26. Nature lovers are mourning the death of the red stag, reported to be the biggest wild animal in the British Isles. *AP photo*

Pantry gardens yields more produce than previous year

By ALLIE JEPPESON
staff writer

The Utah State University Cooperative Extension Food Pantry Gardens, located at the Utah Botanical Center in Kaysville, supplied several food banks in Utah with approximately 39,600 pounds of produce. It yielded five times the amount of produce from 2009.

“We have the land,” said JayDee Gunnell, assistant professor and Horticulture Extension agent for Davis County, “we might as well do something good with it.”

Although similar to USU’s food pantry SNAC (Student Nutrition Access Center) in the provision of food to those in need, the USU Cooperative Extension Food Pantry Gardens is different because it provides for many food banks around the state, enabling community members to access fresh grown food.

The USU Food Pantry Garden first started as an Eagle Scout Project spearheaded by three Boy Scouts, the press release stated.

The project began with 12,000 square feet of multiple plots growing a variety of vegetables. With the leadership of the Boy Scouts, who organized the event, and the help of more than 1,100 local volunteers, the garden was able to produce more than 7,000

pounds of food in that first season.

Gunnell said, “We typically get a dozen or two eagle scouts but we figured that this would be a really worthy cause to move forward in and spread it towards communities.”

From there, the project took off and since has been extremely successful.

“They came in droves,” said Gunnell about the community involvement. He stated, now that the Boy Scouts are gone, many volunteers, such as religious groups, help to maintain and harvest the gardens. The Intermountain Farmers Association and Mountain Valley Seed of Salt Lake were also generous in donating all of the seed for the garden along with Questar Gas and Energy Solutions with their financial support.

This season, according to the press release, the Garden expanded from 12,000 square feet to about an acre – approximately 43,560 square feet. Five acres of corn was added to the project resulting in more than 33,000 pounds of corn and 6,600 pounds of tomatoes, cucumbers, melons, beans and peppers.

Once the food has been grown and harvested, it is then distributed among different food banks in Utah where it is then available for community members to access it.

“We usually see about 200 individuals a day and they are allowed to take what they want,” said Jaynann

Johnson, director of case management at Bountiful Community Food Pantry. “This is the first year we’ve received food from them. The quality was so wonderful, we were so grateful.”

Johnson also said that each time the Food Pantry Garden delivers fresh produce, at least 100 community members benefit from it.

“Extension is one of the best kept secrets at USU with a three-fold mis-

sion of research, education, and service,” Gunnell said.

Each county in Utah has a USU extension office to fulfill the service of “helping Utahns help themselves” through providing all that the University offers at a more convenient location, and research-based information.

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TOMATOES AND BEANS are among many types of produce that the USU Cooperative Extension Food Pantry Gardens donated to food pantries throughout Utah. CATHERINE URIE photo

Tolson shares plan for future recreation center

By JESSICA SWEAT
staff writer

ASUSU President Tyler Tolson brought an update to the ASUSU executive council on his campaign for a new student recreation center.

Oct. 22, Tolson attended a Board of Trustees meeting along with James Morales, vice president of student services. Together the duo presented the plans and vision for the building. Tolson said the response from the board was positive and plans will continue to move forward.

The potential vision for the Aggie Recreation and Community Center, or ARCC, is a building that may take the place of the old agriculture building. Tolson said this could possibly change the services offered in the TSC to focus more on the revenue-generating and auxiliary services – which include dining, parking, the bookstore and housing – along with conferencing.

According to Tolson, the new building would be “everything the TSC is supposed to be.”

Tolson said this would be the “social heart and hub” to campus and may possibly connect with the library to bring an academic aspect.

Tolson said the next step will be securing and stabilizing a financial plan. He will also begin preparing a campaign for funding from alumni and donors.

Athletics Vice President Alex Putnam inquired as to the likelihood of the center appearing on the next election ballot, and Tolson said there was a “good chance” it would.

The council voted to approve a petition for an update on the newly-created ad hoc committee for emergency preparedness. Student Advocate Daniel Ricks, filling in for Service VP Tasha Jorgensen, informed the council that

assignments were given to committee members. Assignments included contacting separate entities along with administration, police and other auxiliaries to gather information regarding emergency preparedness. Research will also be conducted to see what emergency systems other schools have been utilizing to see what works and what does not. The committee will meet in the following week to discuss their findings.

Diversity VP Kaho Fiefia and Public Relations Director Lacey Nagao announced that the new ASUSU website will be up and running after USU’s new website debuts on Nov. 5. Fiefia will then launch his “Go Clubbing” campaign for clubs and organization involvement.

Executive Vice President Brent Crosby said he participated in early voting and urged council members and students to do likewise. Crosby said early voting takes place until Oct. 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the 2nd floor of the TSC. In-state students must bring a valid student ID card and out-of-state students must bring another form of identification. Regular voting will take place Nov. 2.

The council praised Programming Vice President Tom Atwood for organizing and executing a successful homecoming week. Nagao said she received many positive responses and interim ASUSU adviser Linda Zimmerman said Atwood did a “great job” and “stepped up even with last-minute changes.”

Athletics VP Putnam named Men’s Hockey his “Hot Team of the Week” for their double defeat of Brigham Young University and 11-2 season. Putnam also said at the first men’s basketball game Oct. 30, he expects costumed students ready to cheer on their Aggies and then head over to the HOWL.

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Flu: Training offered to scientists

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“We’re guessing they’ll send their best people,” Tarbet said. “This is just the first year and the first time it’s being offered. We’re hoping the word will spread and more people will be trained.”

He said when he first saw the opportunity to apply for the grant he thought USU would be a perfect candidate to host the program because of the curriculum and faculty already in place. If the training program is successful, the CIB stands to receive subsequent grants that could total over \$2 million over a five year period.

Rashid said the announcement about the grant came in June, they wrote the proposal in July, BARDA visited the site in August, and they were notified in September that they got the award.

“Because we have the experience and we knew exactly what they wanted and we put it together in a short period of time,” Rashid said. CIB’s state-of-the-art facilities will help teach the program in a uniform way that should benefit all participants.

The people coming from the participating countries are members of an already established scientific and vaccine-manufacturing community, Tarbet said. Different developing countries have varying levels of technology and methods for vaccine manufacture.

Part of the overall program includes funding from the Gates Foundation and the World Health Organization (WHO) to help provide better technology in these countries.

Tarbet said he is the newest of six professors in the Institute for Antiviral Research. His work focuses on antiviral chemother-

apy and animal models of infectious disease.

“We have an antiviral research group who has been doing animal vaccine production,” Rashid said. “When you combine the facilities and the research, you end up with a really nice place to teach these countries these techniques.”

He said the process will consist of basic techniques in animal cell culture, how to grow viruses safely, how to mass-produce and purify vaccines, and then how to do it in accordance with the Food and Drug Administration’s current standards.

Rashid was recruited to USU from Penn State in 2000 and is at the forefront of his field, according to a publication about USU’s biotechnology and bioprocessing training programs.

“Dr. Rashid’s longstanding presence in academic and industrial circles makes USU’s training program one of the leading programs of its kind,” the publication states.

Similar programs to the one the BARDA grant will facilitate have already been in effect on campus. Rashid said this is part of why he feels he, Tarbet and the rest of the “world-class speakers” in the program will be successful in helping scientists from other countries improve their methods of influenza vaccine production.

“The university is very interested in establishing international ties and international collaborations,” Tarbet said, “and this will definitely help with that.”

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PoliceBlotter

Friday, Oct. 15

• USU Police was advised of two individuals sleeping on the elevator in the Aggie Terrace. USU police made contact with the individuals, who where playing jokes on people as they entered the elevator. Both individuals were advised to move out.

• An individual from Greatmills, Md., called and wanted to report a suspicious incident dealing with her twelve-year-old daughter.

• USU Police responded to a skateboarding problem. Due to the Police responding to higher priority calls, when USU Police arrived no one was skateboarding in the area anymore.

Sunday, Oct. 17

• USU Police assisted the Logan City Police with a weapons offense. An individual had fired four shots in the air from his vehicle and it scared the neighbors. Police searched the area and were

unable to locate the individual.

• Police responded to the USU soccer field on a medical assist. A soccer player broke her leg while participating in a soccer game. Paramedics arrived and transported the athlete to the Logan Emergency Hospital for treatment.

Tuesday, Oct. 19

• USU Police was dispatched to a vehicle that ran through the gates at the Aggie Parking Terrace. USU Police located the vehicle and the female driver was arrested for driving under the influence, theft of services and leaving the scene of an accident.

• Police responded to a suspicious person call that occurred at the Aggie Ice Cream Shop. Complainant informed the police that a caucasian male, wearing a clear mask, was looking in the windows after hours. Police are investigating.

• USU Police assisted the Logan City Police on an

intoxicated suicidal individual. The individual was transported to the Logan Regional Hospital by ambulance.

• USU Police responded to Mountain View Tower for a report of a suspicious odor. The odor was pipe tobacco smoke. No further action was taken by police.

• USU Police was dispatched to the Geology Building on a flood in one of the radiation labs. Based on what was observed it does not appear to be accidental. Police are investigating.

Wednesday, Oct. 20

• USU police received a phone call from complainant who stated that he was almost hit by a car while crossing the road at the crosswalk near the Education Building.

■ Compiled by Catherine Meidell

Briefs

Campus & Community

NCUR and CUR celebrate uniting

Historically, the National Conferences on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) and The Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) have existed as separate organizations; as of Oct. 27, the two organizations will celebrate their union in a ceremony at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. The two boards decided to join as one organization in order to better serve as a national voice for undergraduate research.

Utah State University is also joining in the celebration in “Recognizing Tomorrow’s Possibilities: Celebrating a New Era of Undergraduate Research.” Undergraduate research programs in each college is celebrating the event on Oct. 27 with a variety of activities.

CUR is an organization for faculty members who share the goal of sustaining and enhancing research activities by undergraduates. CUR also has a significant membership from colleges and universities that have joined as institutional members. Utah State is an institutional member of CUR.

CUR maintains a National Office in Washington, D.C. under the direction of Executive Officer Nancy Hensel. Its initiatives include continuing conversations with government officials and funding agencies about the value and needs of research programs in undergraduate institutions; creating publications, such as the CUR Quarterly and a series of How-To publications. CUR will shortly publish a new volume, Advancing Undergraduate Research by Joyce Kinkead, associate vice president for research.

Undergrad research proposals due Nov. 1

In 2011, Research on Capitol Hill will celebrate its tenth anniversary. The annual event has been a platform for undergraduates to share their research with state legislatures and leaders for a decade.

Students who wish to participate in this Jan. 26 event should submit abstracts by Nov. 1 at <http://research.usu.edu/undergrad/htm/sharing-your-research/research-on-capitol-hill/research-day-submission-form>.

Research on Capitol Hill is held each January and is a joint collaboration between Utah State University and the University of Utah. USU’s Regional Campuses also participate.

Utah students from all disciplines share the results of their investigations through academic posters displayed in the State Capitol rotunda. Each student is also on hand to answer questions and converse with legislators about their projects.

Film showing to raise money for education

Alfred Hitchcock’s “Rear Window” will show in the TSC auditorium at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 28.

The event is organized by students from the Huntsman School of Business who plan to donate all the proceeds to the Small Enterprise Education and Development (SEED) program. To purchase one movie ticket with one entry into the raffle, it is \$2 and every individual entry into the drawing is \$1.

Winners of the raffle drawing have the chance to watch We the Kings perform at The Howl while standing on stage with them. This is called a Special Access Pass. Other prizes will be distributed such as gift certificates and three-month memberships to Gold’s Gym.

Refreshments will be provided: cookies are free and popcorn will be available for purchasing.

Tickets for the Alfred Hitchcock event can be purchased in the basement of the TSC at a designated table. For any further questions contact Tanner Edwards at tanspac@gmail.com.

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Earmarks: Shift in funding may result from elections

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lab is approaching two years old and will evidently double last year's revenue. As these programs continue to make advances and create marketable ideas, USU will continue to prove its economic viability.

Our mission is to develop transformational energy systems that help solve some of the most intractable energy problems in America," Muhs said.

EDL has approximately 40 employees, including about 10 graduate and undergraduate students.

He said EDL has five main areas of research: vehicle and roadway electrification, algae energy systems, intuitive buildings, environmental and wind measuring, and next generation fossil energy. These are examples of the important projects Kennedy referred to. Several other ventures are aimed at boosting marketability.

According to a Narrative Information for Congressionally-Directed Funding report, joint research and extension programs in China "are contributing to the increasing emphasis on international research cooperation at USU."

All of the myriad research efforts made by USU's campuses are integral to the future of the university's funding and jobs, Kennedy said.

As programs continue to grow, critics of processes like earmarking will be able to see the importance of such investments.

"It is important for us to understand that eliminating Utah earmarks doesn't return money to the taxpayer's pocket or even to the Treasury," Kennedy said. "It merely shifts our taxpayer dollars to other states or to the (Obama) Administration's discretion."

"Then we have to pay for some of these projects twice. Once, with the federal dollars we've already sent to Washington, and twice, with local tuition or taxpayer funds."

According to a document entitled "Outside Funding and Job Creation Data from Congressionally-Directed Funding," USU has received over \$54 million from the 2005 to 2009 fiscal years. These federal appropriations help to leverage state, local and private funding, which allocates an additional \$95 million over the same time period.

The document also states that 208 part-time and 111 full-time jobs were created as a result of those funds being put into action. Besides creating new jobs, federal financial backing also helped retain 694 already existing jobs.

"We're stepping it up," Muhs said. "We have partnerships with tier-one universities and national labs in the U.S. and abroad. We've been able to be nimble and flexible to get into these arenas."

He said the "algae team," along with campus colleagues have gone from just doing lab research to creating deployable, cost-competitive advancements in oil-based products. The team may possibly break ground on a multi-acre facility next year.

The EDL will continue to look for solutions to air pollution, over-dependence on foreign oil and economy damaging energy price spikes, Muhs said. "We're trying to address all three of those major challenges through out-of-box thinking."

It is thinking like this that Kennedy said will increase economic development capabilities. Skeptics who call federal earmarks "pork barrel" spending will not be able to look at USU and legitimately deny that federal funding is money well-spent.

"The pork at USU is really the bacon at USU," Kennedy said. "It creates jobs and research opportunities and, really, at the end of the day, that's what it's all about."

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Top 10 USU groups that received the most federal funding in 2009

1. Agriculture Research Center – \$12.4 million

2. FEATHAR – \$7.3 million

3. Predator Research Facility – \$4 million

4. Utah Botanical Center – \$3.6 million

5. Functional Genomics – \$3.5 million

6. Small Low Cost Spacecraft Components – \$3.1 million

7. Jack H. Berryman Institute – \$2.6 million

8. Drought Management – \$2.6 million

9. Calibration Center at Space Dynamics Lab – \$2.3 million

10. Renewable Energy for Rural Economics – \$ 2 million

Total funding allocated to USU – \$54.2 million

Polls: One-third of students not registered voters

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in an effort to reach the greatest good for the greatest number of people. Without parties, politics would likely be reduced to celebrity, name recognition and physical appearance.

"It would be nothing but Arnold Schwarzenegger, retired astronauts and professional athletes," Lyons said. "The axiom of 'I vote for the person and not the party' is one of the most unfortunate beliefs we have in our country."

Lyons said that he would like to see political parties in ASUSU elections, and suggested that such a format would likely result in a larger voter turnout, issue-centric campaigns and a better understanding among voters and candidates about what is at stake in the elections.

The University of Utah currently uses a party system in their student government elections. Marian Broadhead, elections registrar for the Associated Students of the University of Utah (ASUU), said that new parties are formed each year and students are responsible to fill the 67 positions for which elections are held. ASUU Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates run together on one ticket, similarly to the U.S. Presidential Election, and parties form platforms that address the issues they wish to focus on. Last year, she said, just over 10 percent of the student body voted in the ASUU elections.

ASUU Attorney General Oakley Gordon said that there are typically two to four different parties competing each year, ensuring competition, and in the past, groups that have made implausible claims have lost elections, suggesting that students at The U consider the issues before casting their ballots.

Broadhead said, "You see a lot of students that are interested in their platforms."

At USU, students are allowed to work together on campaigns but political parties are neither recognized nor endorsed, ASUSU Public Relations Director Lacey Nagao said.

While the office of Student Body President generally draws multiple candidates, other ASUSU offices often go uncontested, such as last year's election when Brent Crosby claimed the executive council's second-highest post – executive vice president – without a challenger and Business Senator Skyler Jenks orchestrated a succesful write-in campaign after the position fielded a single candidate.

Nagao said voter turnout at USU is closer to 25 percent and the no-party stance is intended to allow candidates a chance to express their individual views.

"We feel at USU if they run individually they can have their own platform," she said. "We try to stay away from the popularity contest. We feel that a lot of friends would get together."

Nagao said for this year's elections, organizers hope to promote the importance and impact of the elections, noting that student leaders are in charge of distributing student funds.

"They really do spend your money," Nagao said.

In other survey results, 40 percent of students said they voted in the 2008 Presidential Election: 46 percent of whom voted for John McCain, 37 percent for Barack Obama and 17 percent for other candidates. For the upcoming mid-term election on Nov 2, 71 percent of those surveyed said they are planning to vote.

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THE PING PONG CLUB is a new club on campus, but a popular one. They already have 80 members, and are trying to get more funding in order to expand their space. CATHERINE URIE photo

Just wanna play ping pong

By MELODY CAMPBELL
staff writer

Alex Florek, an undeclared sophomore, wanted to join the ping pong club. The only problem? There wasn't one . . . yet.

"I just thought they'd have a ping pong club. And they didn't have one, and told me to start one," Florek said.

Logan Skeen, a sophomore in agricultural business, is one of the vice presidents of the club, which he said started about a month ago. Since then, the club has been focused on recruiting members.

They estimated that they had about 80 people who signed up. Around 30 show up to play each week in the upper left gym of the HPER building. They meet at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays, and are officially called the Table Tennis Club.

"The main purpose of the club is to relish ping pong," Florek said.

"Everybody's welcome."

Some members are more experienced, but there are players of all skill levels there. Members do not even have to know how to play before coming.

"We listen to music and kind of like dance ... while playing ping-pong," Skeen said. He said the environment of the Ping Pong club is relaxed and social.

Jaron Dunford, sophomore in public relations and the club's contact adviser, said, "It's a great atmosphere to play ping pong, but even better for meeting people."

The club plays both by official rules and casually, with casual play taking place during the first half of the club meetings.

"When we're playing casual we don't really enforce the rules ... we're just having fun," Skeen said.

"Usually just mess around for the first hour, half hour, then we set up a little tournament." Florek said. The rules are

followed during the tournaments, especially during the final match.

"We wanna do a ping pong tournament, school-wide, the week after Thanksgiving," Florek said. They would like to keep the tournament cheap to keep it accessible to more people, he said. The money would go toward things like refreshments and prizes.

"We'll have bigger prizes. That's where the sponsors come in," Florek said. He said he wants to make larger tournaments more regular. His hope is for at least one campus-wide tournament a semester. But he doesn't plan to stop there, either.

"I was gonna try to call the nationwide ping-pong league," Florek said. He wants to see if he could get the winners of the USU tournaments qualified for larger tournaments. He is also going to try to

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Getting ready for the future of academics

By NIKKI LIVES
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Upon hearing the phrase "Center for the School of the Future," one may think of whirring, hovering school buses and space-age chalkboards. In reality, the Center for the School of the Future (CSF) is a research center tucked away in a quiet corner of campus.

According to the CSF website, the center is "dedicated to improving the quality and effectiveness of education by identifying effective educational practices" and then employing these practices in schools.

Richard West, executive director of CSF, says the Center is "a variety of tools and procedures to help schools evaluate how effectively they are meeting their charge to provide a quality education."

"The Center helps schools to assess and consult," said Matthew Taylor, director of research and evaluation at the Center.

The CSF works with anywhere between 1,600 to 1,800 schools, processing and assessing important educational outcome, such as how children learn and how they can learn better.

"Our mission was to enter into partnerships with public school interests and we have been working together to improve the quality of education for over 10 years," West said.

Financed by ongoing federal funding since 1999, West said that the CSF is "more than just a project. It is a fully franchised research center on campus."

The CSF is working on an education project called Project Learn. The project takes on finding the trust lands around the nation and putting them to better use.

"It is bigger than even a Utah project," said Kim Campbell, project coordinator.

"Our founding fathers gave us land to be put in the trust of children," West said. These lands are also known as trust school lands. They were meant for schools to be built upon, but the problem now is that they have been lost or taken over.

"There was a point when no one knew where the lands were," Taylor said. "Then there was a movement to recover the lands."

Some lands were found but were not being used well, and Project Learn helps the states manage the land resource better, and also use the resource as efficiently as possible. They aim to use these lands for the purposes they were intended: to build schools and aid in the efficiency of these schools.

"Project Learn is a good example of using congressional money to spend a dime and earn a dollar," Taylor said.

According to West, the Center for the School of the Future has also launched a series of projects on improving the leadership in

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USU's A-Team mentors and educates incoming students

By KASEY VAN DYKE
staff writer

The A-Team stands for "truth and valour," according to Kate Gourley, one of the coordinators for USU's student orientation and peer mentoring group, the A-Team.

Lisa Hancock, program administrator of New Student Orientation, said the A-Team exists to help students with the transition from high school to college.

"We are basically mentors for the new students and parents," she said.

Jo Olsen, also an A-Team coordinator and senior studying public relations and communications, echoed Hancock.

"We basically help the new students feel comfortable," he said.

The A-Team, a separate entity from the USU Ambassadors who also help with new students and retention, consists of more than 30 USU students who study university policies and procedures, conduct Student Orientation, Advising and Registration (SOAR) and work as peer mentors in the Connections classes.

Hancock said the A-Team focuses mostly on orientation and retention of new students. She said the students in the organization are well-informed.

Olsen said SOAR and Connections are helpful for new students who aren't familiar with a college environment.

"I'm from Logan and I just assumed I knew everything

about campus," he said. "I was surprised how scared I was the first day, freshman year. You don't expect what happens the first day of class."

Olsen said SOAR goes along with the other half of the A-Team goal-retention.

"We help students stick around," he said. "We want students to stay at USU and if they don't have a good start, they won't see the benefit of that."

Connections and SOAR give new students an opportunity to experience college life before classes start, from registering for classes to finding a good place to eat.

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For those who listen and those who speak

By JESSICA BLACK
staff writer

For those who have an urge to read their writing out loud, Helicon West provides the way.

Every other Thursday, writers from both USU and the community are welcome to either listen to others works, or read works of their own.

Helicon West will feature readers from the new anthology, "New Poets of the American West," including Utah Poet Laureate Katharine Coles, Rob Carney, Elaine Christensen, Chris Cokinos, Star Coulbrooke, and Michael Sowder.

An microphone for open discussion will follow immediately after the authors read their chosen works.

According to Star Coulbrooke, director of the USU Writing Center and coordinator for Helicon West, the event began in 2005 with the intent to unite the writing community in the valley to share their work. Coulbrooke also said they encouraged any form of writing

to be read at the events, not just poetry.

"We didn't want to compete with Poetry and a Beverage," Coulbrooke said. "Poetry and a Beverage is a place where you can do other things while you listen, we wanted a place with a captivated audience. A place where people could feel like their writing mattered."

According to the group's mission statement, the event's purpose is to give a place and time for members of the writing community to "give their work a public voice, with no restrictions on levels of skill and no censorship of ideas or craft."

Susan Nyikos, USU English professor and active participant in Helicon West, said her favorite thing is when she spots her own students in the crowd and gets to talk to them about their individual experience.

One of her students, pre-physical therapy sophomore Kelsey Sax, said, "A point I learned after (Helicon West) was how you can write about anything – literally, anything."

Coulbrooke said reading any written work

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HELICON WEST AIMS to give a place for the community to read their work to a welcoming audience. Anyone can come and sign up for a time 20 minutes before hand and read a five minute long section of their work. ARMEN HOSVEPYAN photo

Make sure to hide the extras of these popular brownies

Sometimes when I write these articles I have a cause that I want to shout about. Sometimes I have some kind of challenge to be healthy or to cook seasonally or something. Sometimes I even have lists of ideas of how to use certain foods or easy snack ideas.

But not today. Today, all I have for you is the most delicious Halloween recipe I have ever tried, tasted or made. Pumpkin. Swirl. Brownies. They are a mixture of rich brownie and spicy homemade pumpkin pie, and they are to die for.

Pumpkin Swirl Brownies

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, at room temperature
- 6 ounces (1 cup) semi sweet chocolate chips
- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- pinch of cayenne pepper (about 1/8 teaspoon)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 3/4 cups sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 1 1/4 cups canned pumpkin
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 cup toasted hazelnuts, chopped (optional)

– If you have a double boiler, use it to melt the chocolate. If not, just fill a medium saucepan about a quarter of the way with water and bring it to a boil. Then, in a smaller saucepan combine the butter and chocolate chips.

– Place the smaller saucepan above the boiling water and stir the chocolate and butter until melted. Doing it this way rather than putting the butter and chocolate directly on the heat helps keep them from burning. When the mixture is totally melted and combined, set aside.

– In a medium mixing bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, cayenne pepper and salt. You may be iffy about putting cayenne pepper in brownies, but in this recipe it really helps bring out that spicy pumpkin pie flavor in the brownies. Trust

me on this one.

– Meanwhile, in another mixing bowl combine the sugar, eggs and vanilla and beat until fluffy and well-combined, about three minutes. Add the flour mixture and beat just until it’s incorporated.

– Divide the batter evenly between two bowls (there should be about two cups in each bowl). Stir the melted chocolate into one of the bowls of batter until all combined.

– Add the pumpkin, vegetable oil, cinnamon and nutmeg to the other bowl and stir until combined. Lightly grease a 9x13 inch baking pan.

– Here comes the fun part: scoop half of the chocolate batter into the prepared pan. Use a rubber spatula to spread it evenly across the bottom. Then top with half of the pumpkin batter and do the same thing.

– Repeat to make one more chocolate layer and one more pumpkin layer. Once all of the batter is evenly spread, use a butter knife to gently swirl the two batters together to make a marbled effect. You can do this by dragging the knife through the batters several times horizontally and vertically.

– When you are happy with your swirl (keeping in mind you won’t be able to see the swirl on top, it will show up when you cut the brownies) sprinkle with the hazelnuts* and bake at 350 degrees for about 40 minutes. Test them with a toothpick to make sure that they are done.

*Note: toasting the hazelnuts (or any nuts) before you bake them on the brownies makes a huge difference. Just spread them out flat on a pan and bake at a high temperature in the oven until they get dark. Keep an eye on them while they’re toasting because it’s easy to burn them!

A few warnings: This recipe can be kind of a lot of work, so I suggest making it with a friend or two. It’s more fun that way, anyway.

Also, if you take a plate of these to a party they will not only outshine any other treat there and draw potentially unwanted attention to you, they will also get gobbled up instantly and you’ll be left with nothing but a plate of crumbs.

So I suggest you make your own pan before you go and

hide them under your bed so you’ll have them when you get home.

Have a happy and delicious Halloween!

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EVERY LAST CRUMB is sure to be eaten when these pumpkin swirl brownies are at a party. Making extras is a must if you want to be able to enjoy the recipe on your own. JENNELLE CLARK photo

Future: Three quality indicators

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schools with what they call “professional learning communities.”

West also said the CSF looks at three “Indicators of School Quality,” which are based upon leadership, community and teachers. The Center develops tools and resources for professional learning communities, which revolve around teachers, and school community councils, that involve parents and families.

Along with the school leadership, teachers and community members working closely to make sure that they are making a difference. West said the questions they ask are, “Are we making a difference?” and “How do we do a better job?”

“People learn better when they learn with other folks,” said West, and in the leadership learning communities, leaders learn to work together. The Center for the School of the Future then looks at the community practice to see if it is making the difference that it should, like overall increase in achievement or increased attendance.

The CSF then gives the schools different

tools and resources to help improve school quality and the tools are “all based on collaboration and data-based decision making,” West said.

“The whole idea is to focus on not only school wide improvement, but individuals as well,” Campbell said.

The CSF also runs international programs to influence practices and strive to make instructional materials more culturally relevant around the world. They have international communities in Guatemala and other places, and an exchange program with Brazil.

Campbell said they have some areas of focus on delinquency prevention that focus on the needs of kids at risk. A few schools around the state are working with the center to “strengthen their programs for the kids who are most at risk,” Campbell said.

“The tools we develop help teachers to answer questions like how to work with the most at risk kids,” Campbell said.

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THE CENTER FOR THE SCHOOL of the Future evaluates and improves methods of learning. The center also has an exchange program with Brazil, and strives to include cultures around the world in their materials. ARMEN HOVSEPYAN photo

Reading: Helicon West aims to create attentive atmosphere

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is encouraged at Helicon West. Readers can read poetry, short stories, short plays, excerpts from novels, letters and even their own journal entries.

Coulbrooke said there is no limit to what could be read; each reader is given the freedom to express themselves uncensored through their writing.

Coulbrooke said writers come 15 to 20 minutes before the event begins to sign up for an allotted time to read.

“Everyone listens with attentiveness and respect,”

Coulbrooke said. “It’s so nice to read in front of a captivated audience.”

Chadd VanZanten, a USU alumnus said he started going to Helicon West after he saw an ad for it in the Herald Journal. VanZanten said he wanted to work on developing his creative writing and it seemed like a good place to start. He said that what one of the greatest things of Helicon West was the “energizing atmosphere.”

VanZanten said at Helicon West the energy and excitement bounces off of everyone because if the reader gets a positive response from the crowd from their writing, they go home and work on their piece even more and get excited about writing.

He said one of the best things for a writer is to come to a place where when you read, the experience excites you to continue writing and developing your work.

The diversity among Helicon West readers and audience members is one of its greatest aspects, he said.

“It doesn’t matter if it’s a ... high school kid who comes in and shares something that is less complex,” VanZanten said. “You still find yourself coming away with what was good, what could have been done better, why it was good, and you can take those questions and ideas back to your own work.”

Coulbrooke said, “We invite all creative writers from the university and the community to come share their writing and enjoy the opportunity to read in front of an attendant audience.”

The next Helicon West will be held Thursday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. at the True Aggie Cafe, 117 North Main in Logan.

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Top picks for candy heaven

Ah, Halloween. A nostalgic time of year when we enjoy friends, family, autumn leaves and watching little pipsqueaks scamper around imitating characters from “Wizards of Waverly Place.”

So many different candies seem to shine ever so more brightly during Halloween than any other time of year, turning a consistently decent candy into the life of the party (yes, I’m talking to you, Now and Laters!).

Even some of the most deplorable of candies come out to play – this being highlighted by the dreaded candy corn, the Sanjaya Malakar of treats (you taste nasty, you look nothing like corn, why are you still in this competition?).

Needless to say, the world of candy makes its mark in October. Willy Wonka would be proud. Overall, there would be no better way to honor this time of year with the top five types of Halloween candy. And if you don’t agree with me, get your own weekly column.

5. Powdered Candy – What would Halloween be without the consistent supply of Fun Dip and Pixy Stix falling into children’s mouths and onto angry parents’ carpets?

The powdered candy is the sandbox for the sweet tooth, the mixture of sweet and sour, and the warm reminder that, no matter what the age or state of living, it’s always easy to stain the crap out of your lips.



Just a few laughs

STEVE SWARTZMAN

The only caution with powdered candy: never let it break.

No one enjoys being caught in the confectious bubonic plague of powdered sugar contaminating the rest of the goodie bag, so see to it they are stored with the softer candies like Mounds, Laffy Taffy or the occasional random

Little Debbie cupcake.

4. Tootsie Rolls – This is the only candy I feel deserves its own category. Nobody really knows what genre Tootsies fall in, but one thing is for sure, they are everywhere on Halloween.

Have you ever examined your candy-to-Tootsie Roll ratio after trick-or-treating? The concentration is staggering. Midgees, miniatures, full bars, and all other obscure sizes. It resembles General Fortinbras invading Denmark in “Hamlet”, but with chocolate.

3. Fun Size Candy Bars – Here we have the old reliables: Snickers, Twix, Reese’s, and of course the celestial Kit Kat. The fun size – or as I call them “King Size Nanos” – are the perfect mixture of sweetness and cuteness, the brief morsel of taste that just seems to take you back to your childhood, or at least the last time you’ve eaten candy.

The fun sizers are always a good choice, especially when handing out candy. I mean, c’mon, we’re dealing with small, fast, temper mental kids at your doorstep. It’s best to play it safe.

2. Frosty Coupons – Ok, so it’s not candy, and it takes a little effort on your part. But dude, it’s a free friggin’ Frosty. Just like a Snuggie, it’s fun, easy to store, and just seems to know how to warm your heart in the right way. Some find Frosty coupon distributors to be copping out, but concur I not, for in reality you are genius.

1- Lollipop/ Candy Combos – This invention was simply the making of a champion, the Jordan-Pippen of glorious goodies. The fun and meticulousness of a lollipop, filled with a gum-like or tootsie-laden surprise, candy’s closest emulation of the jelly doughnut.

The lollipop/candy combo wins for far too many reasons above taste. Sticks make them easy to grab from candy bags, for instance, and they also make great mini-battering clubs for obnoxious siblings.

But all in all these stunning suckers are the standing symbol of everything good about Halloween, minus the Simpson’s “Tree House of Horror” episodes.

Halloween may be your time to shine, or possibly not your cup of tea. Each is fine, but no matter what the case, make sure to load up on some sweetness this year.

Unless, of course, if its candy corn or those pumpkin-shaped Peeps. Feel free to throw those abominations into on-coming traffic.

– Don’t agree with Steve’s picks? Either take his suggestion or email him at steve.schwartzman@aggiemail.usu.edu

Ping Pong: Club looking for funding from the university

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set up tournaments between other universities in Utah.

The club’s main challenge at this point is a lack of funding. Skeen said it is free to join the club unless someone wants a T-shirt, which costs \$5.

The T-shirts have a design similar to the Utah Jazz logo, except that it says Ping Pong instead.

“You have to have your own paddle, or you can rent a paddle downstairs for 50 cents,” Skeen said. The club has a few of their own paddles, but not enough for everyone. The club also provides ping pong balls.

“It’s the best club on campus, it’s way fun, and it’s just relaxing after everything you do all day – school, and work,” Skeen said.

In order to raise funds for the tournaments and other activities they have planned, the club is looking for sponsors. The screen printing company that makes their shirts is pitching in, and they also asked Al’s Sporting Goods.

The club must submit a request to the university describing their funding needs before they will be given any money.

Florek said he is hoping the club can get more tables to play on. As it is, the club can’t get any bigger in the space they have.

“If we get bigger and they see that lots of people are doing it and enjoying it, then they’ll get more tables,” he said.

Florek said that he didn’t expect the turn-out the club has gotten.

“We just want to play ping pong, you know,” Florek said.

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A-Team: Aggie Passport Experience

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Alyssa Craig, an A-Team coordinator and senior in exercise science, said, “some things are hard to comprehend until you get into that situation.”

Hancock said one of the ways the A-Team helps new students get comfortable with campus events is through the Aggie Passport Experience.

Students receive stamps in their passport by going to different events on campus, which can be found at www.usu.edu/passport/events. Once students have collected enough stamps, they are rewarded with money on their Aggie Express and, for filling the passport, dinner with USU President Stan Albrecht.

Hancock said the passport is a way for students to enjoy one of the perks of college.

“We do it not necessarily so students get money but because the events are experiences you won’t get anywhere else in life,” she said. “The goal is to make USU home.”

Events that apply for the Aggie Passport experience include going to Saturdays at the Museum, presentations, etc. The Aggie Passport Experience page said the objectives of the program are to “develop an increased awareness of campus events, broaden their engagement in the university experience, and become more involved in the university community.”

Hancock said lectures are particularly helpful for new students who are unsure of their

career path.

“A lot of students don’t know what they want to do and going to lectures can help them decide,” she said.

Working with new students does have its difficulties. Craig said she finds it difficult to build trust with them.

“The difficulty throughout SOAR, but especially Connections, is getting close enough to them that they’ll come to you for help,” Craig said.

Gourley said the hard part for her is developing relationships with so many new people each year.

“I sincerely care about each freshman, but logistically speaking you can only get to know so many,” she said.

Another big function of the A-Team is to help in-coming students with transitional issues. Hancock said this can include time-management, roommates, communication, finding a job, managing money, responsible independence, home-sickness, loneliness, stress, anxiety, knowing which major to pick and making friends.

Gourley said the social aspect and the excitement it causes are the best contributions of the A-Team.

“I feel like it kind of knits people together and the freshman get to know each other. It creates this tidal wave of joy,” Gourley said.

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Aggie men top cross country poll

BY USU ATHLETICS

Utah State's men's cross country team was picked to win its sixth-straight Western Athletic Conference championship, while the Aggie women were tabbed third as the WAC announced its men's and women's cross country pre-championship coaches' polls on Tuesday, as voted on by the league's nine head coaches. The poll is released in advance of the 2010 WAC Cross Country Championships on Saturday, Oct. 30 at Moscow, Idaho, hosted by the University of Idaho.

Utah State, the winner of the past five men's WAC championships, received six first-place votes and 36 points. Boise State captured second-place with 31 points with one first-place vote. Fresno State claimed the third spot with 23 points, one point ahead of Idaho in fourth. New Mexico State (20) and San Jose State (10) followed closely behind in fifth and sixth-place, respectively. Louisiana Tech received seven points to finish seventh.

On the women's side, Utah State was picked to finish third with 52 points. Idaho was selected first with six first-place votes and 62 overall points. 2009 champion New Mexico State followed closely in second with two first-place votes for 57 points. Fresno State received 40 points to capture the fourth spot, while Boise State was ranked fifth with 37 points. Nevada was selected sixth with 33 points, followed by Hawaii in seventh with 22 points. San Jose State (18) and Louisiana Tech (8) were picked to finish eighth and ninth, respectively.

The Aggie women won the 2006 and 2008 WAC titles, while finishing second last season.

In its last action, the USU men were 22nd while the Aggie women were 28th at the NCAA Pre-National



THE POWER FORWARDS On Utah State's 2010-2011 basketball team include, from left to right; Tai Wesley, Morgan Grim, Brady Jardine, Matt Formisano and Nate Bendall. Utah State returns eight letterwinners from last year's team, and begins play this Saturday in an exhibition game against Lavel. TODD JONES photo

Big men give Aggies a big advantage

By TYLER HUSKINSON
web editor

Utah State returns eight letter winners on the men's basketball team this year, and the power forward positions are just as loaded as the shooting guard and small forward positions. In the complex system that head coach Stew Morrill runs, the experience of the big men down low will be a major key to Utah State's success this year.

"The bigs that we have returning have a good mix of physical strength, basketball skill and they all know our system inside and out," assistant coach Tim Duryea said. "We've had the luxury of having them around here for five or six years, that helps a lot."

Senior Tai Wesley was tabbed the WAC Preseason Player of the Year, and Utah State will be looking for the same kind of leadership and all-around skill he exhibited last year. Last season Wesley averaged nearly 14 points and seven rebounds a game to go with a 57 percent shooting average.

"I think the thing that sets Tai apart is the fact that he makes everyone else

on the floor so much better," Duryea said. "I think the one thing that allows him to do that is he's such a gifted passer. Tai Wesley, year in and year out, is one of the best passers on your team and that includes the guards. It's so valuable when you can just dump the ball down low and just play around the guy."

Among the forwards last season, Wesley averaged the most assists and had the best assist-to-turnover-ratio, averaging three assists per game and a 1.9 assist-to-turnover ratio.

Wesley, along with Nate Bendall – who also received all-WAC honors last season and preseason honors this season – started almost every game last year together and Utah State will be looking to them to provide not only a physical presence down low, but senior leadership as well.

"Our upperclassmen leadership has always been huge in our program," Duryea said. "Tai was really a vocal

leader last year and has just kind of picked up where he left off last year. But he has help, Nate Bendall is a quiet leader, he's kind of the father figure to all of the guys."

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Tim Duryea,
USU assistant coach

up until one week ago because of a foot injury. He is healthy now, and Duryea said Bendall needs to be more assertive in the post.

"We want him to stay healthy first and foremost, and I think if he can improve his low block game a little bit; that's the area he can improve the

most," Duryea said. "We want Nate to be a little more aggressive when he catches the ball down low. Look to go score a little bit more and get fouled; he's a really good free-throw shooter and he's got a good touch."

Bendall is a great free-throw shooter, averaging 80 percent from the charity stripe last season.

Not only does Utah State have loads of experience at the forward position, they also have great depth. In last season's seven-man rotation, then-sophomore Brady Jardine found a key role in coming off the bench and providing a spark on both offense and defense. Jardine has improved every season with Utah State and has worked hard over the summer to achieve similar results.

"I spent a lot of time over the summer working on some post moves and my jump-shot," Jardine said.

Senior forward Matt Formisano has been in the program just as long as Wesley, but he hasn't seen as much playing time. Despite the limited playing time, Formisano knows his role

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Volleyball can't overcome fourth-ranked Hawaii

By TYLER HUSKINSON
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All-American junior outside hitter Kanani Danielson pounded 12 kills to lead the No. 4 University of Hawaii Wahine over the Utah State Aggies in three sets (18-25, 22-25, 16-25) Monday night at the Spectrum. The Aggies (15-7, 3-6 WAC) have dropped two straight games, while the Wahine (19-1, 9-0 WAC) keep their unbeaten WAC record intact. Despite the sweep, Aggie head coach Grayson DuBose said the effort from his team was there.

"I thought it was a really nice effort by us," DuBose said. "I thought we played hard for a long period of time, not just for bits and pieces, but for a long period of time."

Senior middle blocker Shantell Durrant, who was one of the few bright spots for the Aggies, finished with seven kills while hitting .462. She said this is the hardest her team has fought in recent matches.

"I think we played really well," Durrant said. "I think we played harder than we have recently in our matches, so that was nice to see. It's always disappointing to lose, but they're a good team."

The Aggies kept things close with the Wahine in the first set until about midway through. With the set knotted at 15 apiece, junior outside hitter Chanteal Satele and freshman middle blocker Emily Hartong blocked an attack try from junior outside hitter Liz McArthur that spurred a 10-3 run and the Wahine coasted to the first set victory.

Set two was much of the same story for the Aggies, except they found themselves within striking distance of the Wahine late in the set. Danielson committed a rare service error late in set two that spurred an Aggie run that cut the deficit to 23-21. The Wahine called their only timeout of the match and they were able to stem the Aggie run and win the set.

In set three the Wahine showed why they are No. 4 in the nation by jumping out to a 5-1 lead and coasting to a 25-16 victory. The Aggies trailed by as much as eight and tried to make the comeback, but the Wahine proved to be too physical and strong for the Ags.

"They are a really good team," DuBose said. "There is a reason they are ranked No. 4 in the nation."

The Aggies will look to bounce back this weekend when they take a California road trip to San Jose State and Fresno State. This road swing is especially important because the Aggies now find themselves on the outside looking in for the WAC Tournament. Six teams advance to the WAC Tournament and the

Aggies are currently in seventh place in the WAC standings.

"That effort that we showed out there tonight, I think if we can show that on the road, it will for sure make us a better volleyball

"That effort that we showed out there tonight, I think if we can show that on the road, it will for sure make us a better volleyball team."

Grayson DuBose,
USU head coach

team," DuBose said. "I think if we show that kind of effort, we can go on a little run toward the end of the season and make a big push."

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UTAH STATE'S LAUREN HANSEN has 34 career goals and is just two goals shy of becoming USU's all-time leading goal scorer. The 5'7" striker continues to provide the Aggies with valuable leadership during her senior season. Hansen and the Aggies are currently tied for first in WAC play, and will look to continue their winning ways against Hawaii on Sunday. *BRECK BYINGTON photo*

Hansen closing in on goal record

By TAVIN STUCKI
staff writer

When Aggie soccer player Lauren Hansen was a freshman, she never thought she would one day be on the verge of becoming Utah State's all-time leading goal scorer. Now, sitting at 34 goals over the course of her career, the senior needs just two more to surpass Jayme Gordy's mark, set from 1997-2000.

"It's a little pressure to be so close. It's a great feeling of accomplishment," Hansen said of moving in on the history books. "Now that it's here, it's pretty cool."

The four year letter winner has scored nine goals already this season, and will be looking to capitalize for a few more scores when the Aggies take on Hawaii (3-12-3, 1-3-2) at Bell Field in Logan for the final game of the regular season before the Western Athletic Conference tournament begins.

Hansen's first realization that the record could someday be within her reach came during her sophomore year in the spring, when former USU assistant coach Josh Walter told her she only needed 16 goals in the rest of her tenure to become Utah State's all-time greatest goal scorer.

"I thought, 'Oh! This can happen,'" Hansen said.

When asked about the secret to her success at being such a potent goalscorer, Hansen mentioned her ability to muscle around defenders.

"It's probably just my size, posting up, and turning to shoot," Hansen said. also mentioning how frustrating it can be to play a great game and not score a single goal, while at the same time not being able to play well at all, and score. "Typically when I don't score, I feel like I sucked, even if I didn't."

Fellow striker Shantel Flanary says the record will come in time.

"We (on the team) don't worry about it too much," Flanary said. "It's definitely in the back of your mind."

Teamwork with Flanary and the other offensive weapons has been vital to the success of the Aggies, as well as Hansen's record campaign. According to Hansen, her teammates give her great passes to play on.

Utah State head coach Heather Cairns said that Hansen has helped shape the team with her leadership and work ethic, always leading by example. Hansen was elected as a captain of the team the last two seasons during her junior and senior years.

"If we play best as a team, she just has to do what she does best. She just needs to be her normal, excellent self," Cairns said. She said winning games takes precedence over personal accomplishments on the team. "If you get caught up in a record, that's not what the season is about."

Cairns also said that the 5'7" striker from Camano Island, Washington gives off a lot of confidence. According to Flanary, that's not the only way that she

helps the team.

"She does really well. We feed off of each other," Flanary said of her teammate. "We combine really well. She's helped me to be better."

Utah State has had a successful season thus far in WAC play, and is currently tied with San Jose State and Boise State for first place. Each team has four wins and a draw in conference play. Flanary said Hansen's scoring on offense has been a big help in the Aggie's success in the conference.

"Obviously when you score a lot you win games – I absolutely love it of course," Flanary said. "We do well by not playing selfishly. Other teams can't defend just one forward."

Cairns said Hansen is leaving a legacy for Utah State soccer. Hansen was named academic all-conference three straight years, second-team all-WAC her first two years on campus, and was named to the WAC all-tournament team her sophomore year.

"It's a funny thing about records. If you've done well in the past, you'll continue to do well," Cairns said. "You can't win if you don't score goals."

Hansen said she hopes the record will come in the next couple of games, but was hesitant to say for sure that this weekend would be the lucky one.

"Don't want to jinx it," she said.

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There's always next year

Keeling up with the trend of large student turnouts for USU football games this season, Saturday's game against Hawaii was not much different. After packing record numbers of students into the Utah State student section for the first three home games against Idaho State, Fresno State and BYU, another 4,100 or so students swiped their cards to see the Aggies take on Hawaii.

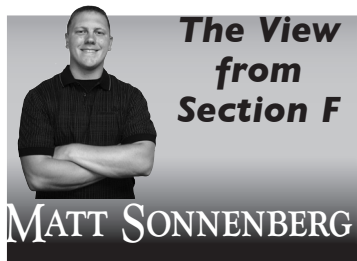
Safe to say, the student support for this football season has been monumentally excellent, regardless of the final number of students still standing at the end of Saturday's 45-7 loss.

Understandably so, the number of fans in the stands at Romney Stadium fell as rapidly as the rain Saturday, as few people were prepared to weather that kind of weather, not to mention the game itself, which was well out of hand not too long into the third quarter.

Some people might knock others for leaving a game like that early. I, on the other hand, have a tough time really faulting anybody for it. But I also think it speaks to the character and commitment of those still standing when the game went final, all 50 of us or so.

Those are the same kinds of fans who have been the select few fans occupying the student section at Romney Stadium during those November games for those one-or-two-win Aggie teams of years' past. Those are the fans who are going to end up feeling the most rewarded for events such as a win over BYU, or the eventual bowl game for USU football. It speaks to a person's character for being willing to stick it all the way to the end, even through the worst of times, with something important to them, just because they care about it that much.

At this point though, with USU essentially out of the running for a bowl game appearance this year, those impressive



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MATT SONNENBERG

turnouts are likely in the past until the 2011 season, with the majority of the USU student body turning its attention to basketball, which kicks off tonight with the annual blue and white scrimmage.

It's an unfortunate reality, but indeed a reality. A season that carried high expectations has fallen short of those expectations. An offense that returned every crucial piece from the No. 12 offense in the country a year ago was decimated by injuries, and the trickle-down effect on the rest of the team was too much to play through and sustain last year's momentum.

As it stands, the Aggies lose a couple key pieces from this year's team, most notably quarterback Diondre Borel. Returning to the mix however, will be runningback Robert Turbin and wide receivers Stanley Morrison and Matt Austin, which should make the transition to a new quarterback much more smooth than it otherwise would have been.

Throw in what is shaping up to be an impressive recruiting class thus far, and the slow but steady progression of the USU football program looks like it will indeed continue to progress.

Until 2011 rolls around, along with a fresh hope for seeing the Aggies make it to a bowl game and hopefully make victories over BYU that much more routine, Utah State fans will have to resort to turning their attention to what very well could be one of the best basketball teams USU has ever had.

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Snow brings invtation to watch, board and ski

By MIKE REES
staff writer

Those who are avid football fans understand the anticipation for the season's first official practice with pads, the first preseason rankings, and of course the sweet, sweet home opener. For those hungry enthusiasts, life just doesn't feel the same until after the first signs of life in their sport of choice. It's the same experience for those who long for winter's first snow. For some, life culminates every winter with the first snow followed a few months later by the first ride in fresh powder on a beautiful, crisp day in the mountains.

Every fall in Logan, many snow crazies celebrate the advent of winter by attending the annual showing of Warren Miller's latest snow sport film. This fall is no different, as Warren Miller Entertainment prepares to bring its latest production, "Wintervention" to Logan Oct. 28 at 8 p.m. in the Kent Concert Hall.

In light of the advent of "Wintervention," The Statesman took the opportunity to sit down with retired Warren Miller photographer and ski and snowboard filming pioneer Gary Nate. Nate has been with popular freestyle skiing and snowboarding for nearly half a century. He has seen snowboarding evolve from its roots as an obscure alternative to skiing to the cultural mainstay and Olympic sport that it is today. Nate was also the first man to film a freestyle snowboarder.

Utah Statesman (US): How did you find yourself being paid to film skiers and snowboarders?
Gary Nate (GN): I went to the University of Utah on a football scholarship and got a degree in Business. I read a book by Warren Miller, and his theory on life was basically finding something you can do for nothing and figure out how to make a living at it. That seemed like a good idea to me, so I did a film, and it happened to be on skiing.

US: Why should Utah State students attend "Wintervention"?

GN: First of all, you get a great day of skiing at The Canyons! Furthermore, even if you're not a skier or snowboarder, it's a great movie. It's the kickoff of winter. If you're a skier, there's skiing in there for you, and if you're a snowboarder, there's snowboarding in there. There are exotic places. There's humor. There's just something in there for everyone. People used to say to me, "I don't ski. Why should I come to a ski movie?" I don't kill people, but I still like to go to murder mysteries. It's entertainment.

US: What do you see in the future of skiing? Do you think skiing will get less and less popular as snowboarding becomes more and more popular, as it has in the last decade?

GN: I think it's about 50/50 right now, and I think it will remain about the same. Skiing has changed so much because of the wide boards and the different cuts on the skis. It's almost like skiing on two snowboards. I just see it going the same way it's been going, only with skiing getting a little more radical. It's true that popularity will continue to increase because people will continue to innovate and push the envelope.

US: Having been involved in both the worlds of skiing and snowboarding, do you believe there's a rivalry between the skiers and the snowboarders like there was several years ago when some people viewed skiers as the "old fogies" and the snowboarders were viewed as the stereotypical rebellious teens?

GN: I don't think there's as much now as there was. Now they've kind of accepted each other, and we're all riding the same mountain with a big smile on our face.

US: Have you ever filmed for Warren Miller at Beaver Mountain?

GN: Yes, absolutely. A couple times. We've filmed some freestyle up there.

US: When it comes to quality of snow and

mountains, how does Utah stack up with the rest of the world?

GN: We do have the best powder on the face of the Earth. We have the driest powder, it's amazing. Everywhere else I go, they say, "Is this as good as your Utah powder?" We're very lucky to have all these resorts in our backyard all with Utah powder.

US: Do you have a favorite place to ski?

GN: People would always ask Warren where his

favorite place to ski was, and he would always say, "Anywhere where the snow is good, and I'm with good friends."

Tickets for "Wintervention," can be obtained in advance from Al's Sporting Goods and the CCA Box Office in the Chase Fine Arts Center. For more information, visit warrenmiller.com.

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GARY NATE, longtime photographer for Warren Miller Entertainment, skis at Powder Mountain, Utah. Nate will be in Logan on Thursday night during the "Wintervention" film the at the Chase Fine Arts Center. Tickets are still available for purchase at Al's Sporting Goods and at the Chase Fine Arts Center box office. *Photo courtesy Jeff Hyde*

Aggies set for Blue and White basketball scrimmage tonight

BY USU ATHLETICS

Utah State's men's basketball team will hold its annual Blue-White scrimmage, presented by Macey's, on Wednesday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and admission is free.

Prior to the scrimmage, fans will meet all the members of the 2010-11 men's basketball team and hear from USU head coach Stew Morrill. Morrill will then run his team through two 10-minute sessions. At the conclusion of the scrimmage, players will be available for autographs.

Utah State, who is picked to finish first in the WAC's preseason polls, returns four starters and eight letterwinners from last year's team that advanced to its 19th NCAA Tournament all-time, including its seventh in the last 11 years under head coach Stew Morrill as it lost to Texas A&M, 69-53, in the first round. USU finished the 2009-10 season with a 27-8 record and went 14-2 in WAC play to claim its third-straight regular

season league championship, which is a school record. Over the last three years, USU has a combined record of 81-24 (.771) including a 40-8 (.833) WAC mark.

Following the Blue-White scrimmage, USU will play its first exhibition game on Saturday, Oct. 30 against Universite Laval at 7 p.m. in the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum, where trick or treating for kids in costume will be available on the concourse.

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Dec 4: at Georgetown
Dec 7: LONG BEACH STATE

Bigs: Wesley one to watch

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on the squad and he hopes to remain solid and reliable at his position.

"I think the biggest thing is being the guy who is ready to go whenever," Formisano said. "Regardless of what stage of the game or what point of the season, just be that guy who always works hard and gives whatever for the team to win."

The dark horse for the big men down low may be junior forward Morgan Grim, who redshirted last season after transferring from the University of Utah. Grim did not see much action at the University of Utah despite the fact that he was named Utah's Mr. Basketball as a high school senior and the Class 5A Most Valuable Player, averaging nearly 23 points, 10 rebounds and six blocks per game. Duryea said that Grim reminds him of former Aggie great Nate Harris in many aspects.

"He's 6'8 but he plays longer, because he has really long arms, great hands, great touch and he has a great basketball IQ," Duryea said. "I think the thing that Morgan does as well as anyone on our team for

a big is he can really put the ball on the floor. He can make plays off the bounce for other people. He's physical, and I think he'll come in and make a good impact."

Freshman Ben Clifford will be the only forward who won't be seeing action this season, as the coaching staff decided to redshirt him so that he can develop more physically. Duryea said that Clifford is great prospect, however. The Bingham High standout was tabbed the Region 3 Most Valuable Player his senior season, where he averaged 16 points and eight rebounds per game.

The public will get its first chance to see Utah State in action tonight during the annual Blue-White Scrimmage. Morrill will run his team through two 10-minute sessions and the players will be available for autographs at the end of the scrimmage. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the scrimmage begins at 7 p.m. in the Spectrum.

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Runner: top preseason polls

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Invitational on Oct. 16 at Terre Haute, Ind. Sophomore Brian McKenna led the Aggie men finishing in 34th place in McKenna finished the 8,000m race in 24:21.3 leading USU to a 22nd place overall finish. McKenna's time was just over a minute behind first-place finisher Samuel Chelanga (Liberty) at 23:19.9. McKenna's 34th place finish is USU's best finish since 2005 when Trevor Bell crossed the line in 10th place in 23:57. McKenna has led the Aggies in every race thus far this season.

The USU women were led by sophomore Ruth Hilton, clocking in at 21:38.8 in 77th place. Following Hilton was senior Kim Quinn's finish at 22:12.9 in 141st place. Following the WAC Championships, USU's men and women's cross country teams will be in action at the NCAA Mountain Regional Championships on Nov. 13 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

2010 Pre-Championship Men's Cross Country Coaches Poll

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| 1 | UTAH STATE (6) | 36 |
| 2 | Boise State (1) | 31 |
| 3 | Fresno State | 23 |
| 4 | Idaho | 22 |
| 5 | New Mexico State | 20 |
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No sense in making sense of wacky world of football upsets

Making sense of a game that makes no sense

In the world of college football, nobody is safe.

For the third straight week, a team ranked No. 1 fell from the ranks of the unbeaten. This time it was Oklahoma – a team Utah State nearly upset in week one. The team the Sooners lost to – Missouri – is undefeated after eight weeks, but a month ago the Tigers were on the ropes against San Diego State, needing only a last minute, disputed touchdown to pull out the win. The Aztecs, in turn, blew out the Aggies the following week. Utah State responded by subsequently blowing out a Brigham Young team we all thought was amongst the worst in the country. That was, until the Cougars came back and upset San Diego State the week after.

Scratching your head yet?

Don't, because the madness doesn't end there. For 43 straight years Notre Dame beat Navy, until four years ago, when the Midshipmen finally upset the Irish in a triple-overtime thriller. Since 2007, Navy has taken three out of four from the once-powerful Irish, including last Saturday's 35-17 smack-down.

The Irish aren't the only traditional power suffering from an identity crisis. Texas, which lost to UCLA at home three weeks ago, has gone nine straight years with 10 or more wins in a season, the second longest mark in history. It's a mark that Mack Brown and his Longhorns looked secure in continuing when they upset Nebraska on the road two weeks ago – that was until those same Longhorns laid an egg this past week against traditional Big 12 afterthought Iowa State, losing 28-21. UCLA, meanwhile, lost one of the most lopsided games of the season last Thursday when Oregon destroyed the Bruins 60-13.

Last year's National Champion (Alabama) has already fallen. The team that was supposed to have the easiest road to the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) title game, Ohio State, likewise lost. Seven unbeaten teams remain, but with so much turnover at the top of the rankings, how much longer can we expect Oregon, Auburn or Missouri to stay undefeated?

The answer? Not long.

Face it – parity is the new face of college football, and it's here to stay. And, as the pressure is turned up for teams, the stakes are often too high for the players on the field to mentally prepare themselves for. It doesn't matter what a team looks like "on paper," because college football is the one sport in America where the "on paper" argument holds less and less weight every day. These are, after all, college kids. They live complicated lives. They have, in some cases, selfish interests. And, as Texas head coach Mack Brown recently alluded to, they are sometimes far from focused when it comes to actually showing up and, you know, playing the game.

"I do think there's some entitlement with this team," Brown said when tying to explain his team's up and down per-

formances over the past three weeks. "They sit around thinking it's just going to happen ... It's all about confidence and passion ... I can handle a loss if we are playing with passion. I can't if we're not."

Understanding competitive parity in college football is no simple equation. But even when one factors in variables like increased participation at the prep level, the theoretical mechanisms which have been offered to explain the upsets in recent years still fail to paint a complete picture of the phenomenon. The only valid explanation remaining is that players – and coaches – just fail to show up and perform to their best of their abilities. How else does Utah State play so well against BYU one week and so poorly against Louisiana Tech the next?

When you think about it, the whole concept stands to reason. Just because you can do something well doesn't mean you'll do it well every time. Heck, I can usually write a pretty good college football story, but given the stress of midterms and the endless amount of dates I have scheduled (girls, seriously, stop calling), even I will produce work that doesn't reflect my true ability.

The problem is that today, it's not so simple. What Brown was getting at is something fixed to time and place. Today's young athletes are taking less and less time to prepare and devote themselves to discipline and attention to detail. In some cases they flaunt that "entitled" attitude, and fail to take challenges seriously. It's showing up on the field in more and more teams – from the future NFL stars at top-ranked programs who think they can beat anyone to the perennial bottom feeders who are just looking to get out of a rainy stadium and chill with their friends after the game. Unsurprisingly, the teams with the most discipline and focus – teams like Navy and Boise State – are the teams benefiting from others' downfalls.

We've seen this story before. 2007 is, with good reason, often seen as a landmark year when assessing parody in the game. Not only was it the year Michigan lost to Appalachian State and West Virginia was denied a spot in the national title by the a mediocre Pittsburgh team, but it set the stage for the next three years with regards to top-ranked teams in the BCS and upsets. Since 2007, No. 1 ranked teams in the BCS poll have gone just 15-9 – hardly safe odds for those in the national title discussion. In the past it's opened the door for one- or even two-loss teams to make their way into the top five of the BCS, but this year might be different with Boise State and Texas Christian knocking on the door.

The end result? Armageddon for all those who've long claimed that the "small schools" don't belong in the National Title Game, and the revolution opponents of the BCS system have long hoped for.

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Let your voice be heard, get out and vote

From concerns about immigration and gay rights to issues with social programs and government spending, a range of topics need to be addressed and this year's election could alter the way problems are or are not solved. Across the country we are seeing that this election is poised to disrupt the status quo. College students have a role to play in this "historic" election.

What is upsetting you the most right now? Health care, the war in Iraq and the economy are all effecting college students in one way or another, and voting is a way we can help fix these issues, or at least fix who is representing us and our views on these issues.

Even though it is too late to register to vote if you haven't already, registering for the next voting session is as simple as going online to Utah.gov. As for the people who are registered to vote, make sure you do vote. You don't have to wait until election day, you can vote early on campus or the county courthouse in downtown Logan. Not only should you vote, you should be informed before you do it. There is no point in voting for someone if you don't know what they are standing for. It only takes a few minutes to go online and see where candidates stand on the issues that are most pressing to you. Being an informed voter is vital to the process of how the government works and you are not doing anyone any favors by voting for the candidate that you remember seeing on the biggest poster out on the lawn.

Voting matters. Your votes and opinions matter. It doesn't take very long, and it is your responsibility as an American to vote. Voting is what this country is built on, and even if you are too young or are not registered to vote for the election Nov. 2, talk to friends and family who are. Get the conversation started. Our government is supposed to be "by the people." You are the people, go out and get your voice heard.

Students need to embrace their curiosity


"I think, at a child's birth, if a mother could ask a fairy godmother to endow it with the most useful gift, that gift should be curiosity," Eleanor Roosevelt said.

I'd like to be that fairy godmother.

If there's just one thing I'd like to see everyone exhibit a bit more, it's curiosity. I don't mean being curious about the new Lady Gaga outfit (although we might need an engineer to explain how she keeps it on), but being curious about what's going on in the world around you, related to and not so related to your major.

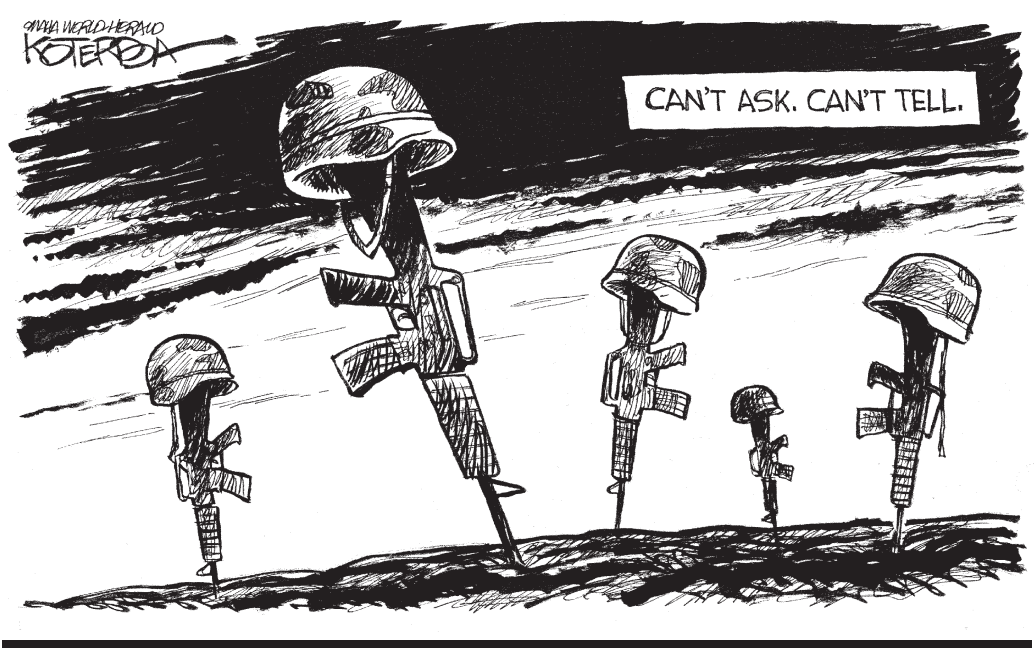
Everyone here wants to be a success. As I see it, the fast track to that laudable goal is to start asking questions, letting those questions lead to more questions, and reading a daily newspaper – getting involved with Honors doesn't hurt, either. I honestly don't think that you can find success in your career without knowing what is going on in the world. And I especially don't think that you can be a contributing member of a democracy without a daily news source. Although I said "newspaper" I don't think that you have to actually read a broadsheet and get newsprint on your hands every day – although The New York Times is on sale in the HASS Dean's office for only a quarter – but I do think it's incumbent upon us to keep up with the world. Doesn't affect me, you say?

Our top 10 majors include education, economics, mechanical engineering, psychology, biology, English and communicative disorders/deaf education. What is happening in the world profoundly affects each of these majors. How can you be a good teacher if you aren't aware of what's happening regarding education in the state and nationally? Econ major? I'd like to see every economics major not only be able to speak about the mortgage crisis, but take a position on how to fix the economy – same goes for other business majors. Biology major? The state of the economy affects how much tax revenue we collect; tax revenue affects the coffers of the National Science Foundation; USU applies for and gets more than \$136 million in research funding each year – a good percentage of which comes from the NSF. I didn't even mention the debates over what government funds may be used for, such as stem cells. English majors – at the very least – should know what's happening in the world of publishing and should be reading books (books!) that have recently been published, and the book review pages



Faculty Voices
CHRISTIE FOX

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Local families leave legacy

To the editor:

Currently two U.S.U. Professors are pushing for a countywide library system which is largely viewed as a socialist power grab.

It is not popular with the "autonomous" individually and well managed libraries in the satellite communities around Logan. Twelve mayors are rightfully opposed to it, as are most of us tea party individuals.

It is no surprise then that one proponent of this latest scheme (which is nothing short of another tax and burdensome layer of government) is Professor Craig Peterson, who has grad degrees from Stanford. Observing what happened in California with its economic collapse, we're opposed.

Professor Peterson's presentation (doctorate) was in how to apply for and receive federal grants. It is also a fact that USU, since Peterson arrived, has become the single largest applicant and recipient of federal grants with Jay Monson's blessings.

I do not believe in coincidences.

I do believe that liberal, left-wing, so-called educators have misled and conditioned, indoctrinated even, this entire generation of "socialists" to expect that everything you need, from the cradle to the grave, comes from the government.

It does not. It comes from us taxpayers and we're cutting you off. Capitalism hasn't failed, Marxism is killing it. Sixty years of socialism in the U.S, in Northern Utah (or maybe 160 if you count the socialist workers party of S.L.C.U of U, circa 1850) has stifled, restricted, regulated and taxed small business and individuals of free market enterprises almost to death, thanks to Marxist Obama's economics.

Enter a local business involvement:

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give anything to anyone and he started with nothing. Logan and Smithfield had Carnegie libraries.

There is no way of knowing how many Americans became educated, liberated and successful as a result of the Carnegie endowments.

Another great and pretty humble man from right here in Cache Valley, Junior Miller, also made a new library possible with a huge contribution.

Junior, his father E.A, his brother, the late Lynn Miller, also have earned every penny the hard way, good, honest, noble, dedicated and persevering work in free enterprise within an extremely necessary element to society, food production to sustain life.

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I'd take issue with anyone's disparaging comments contrary to appreciating the family beef-packing marvel that has done so much for so many, and for so many decades.

Anyone envious, jealous, spiteful, or socialistic who would take away credit or praise of this extraordinary company and its testament to free enterprise can take Karl Marx "Communist Manifesto," leave the country (and don't come back).

Today's "progressives" (communists, some right here in Cache County) need to be educated. Perhaps they can start with "Atlas Shrugged" (Ayn Rand), it's in the Hyrum, Utah Library. Anyone sour about the library should subsist on beans and rice or be deported. I prefer the latter idea for those who would seize unearned wealth.

Don Dunbar
alumnus

Parking citation wrongly given

To the editor:

Recently, there was an article written about parking on campus. There were some statements that were said by the parking department that I felt were misleading.

To start off, my husband and I were recently given a ticket for parking in the Spectrum parking lot on a game day after the designated time, noon. We were disappointed to see that we had a ticket after being in class from 8:30 to 1:30 with no breaks in between, making it difficult for us to move our car.

We went to get the issue sorted out in the parking office, but that wasn't the end. After paying our ticket, we asked why the parking lot was closed so early for a football game. We were answered abruptly by, "We need to set up for the game." To my knowledge, all the parking authorities had to do was set up cones in the exits and entrances.

The parking department said that they "take education into consideration when handing out citations." I felt in no way when we got our citation that our education was put into consideration when we have to miss a class to move our car for a game. Noon is too early to be kicking students out from parking lots on game days. It was also said that the "vision for parking revolves around service – this is one of (the) primary concerns, and the customer comes first." When talking to the parking department about our ticket, again, I felt like our feelings were disregarded. They were more concerned about reprimanding us about parking in the parking lot.

The parking office didn't help us with our questions, and after being yelled at by everyone behind the desk, we went to higher authority. It was only then that someone listened to our concern.

The parking office can't close the parking lots at noon and still expect to keep "education into consideration." I'm not writing this to complain about getting the ticket, we parked in the parking lot after the designated time, and we deserved the ticket. I am writing in search of change; I seek for fairness to the primary customers of the university (the student body) who have paid to park in the parking lots during their school schedule.

Candace Knight

Prepare yourself for the gridlock

The election is one week away, ladies and gentleman. One week before we are to enjoy two wonderful years of partisan gridlock and bitter rhetoric. So first off, let's be honest here. The Republicans are going to take the House of Representative and possibly the Senate – depending on if that whack-job Sharron Angle wins in Nevada. They're primed to make this election theirs. But don't hold your breath if you are expecting the Republicans to do anything productive once they attain power in January.

As a political junkie I can't help but watch cable news and political campaigns. The Democrats are confused and in chaos – as usual – and Republican have only one theme, that they support the constitution and oppose President Obama.

Reading over the Republicans' so called "Pledge to America" and ignoring all the pretty patriotic pictures in between, this so called "Pledge" was nothing short of vague political dribble aimed to upset and rally the masses. It's easy to see that Republicans are trying to



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Election: Gridlock the new norm

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play the “I love the Constitution more than my opponent” card through quotes such as “America is more than a country. America is an idea ...”

But what’s sad is that it’s working. People are angry and when they think the country is at stake, they get even angrier. This is how we arrive at entities such as the Tea Party and why Republicans are almost certain to win big next Tuesday.

But after the celebration is long over and the new Congress-people arrive in Washington, the real problems will begin. The 112th Congress will be met by absolute gridlock. The government will effectively become stagnant as every item in Washington, D.C. will be met by partisan bickering. Republican promises such as the repeal of the recent healthcare bill will be outright vetoed by President Obama, and with this last session of Congress as an indicator, the next will be filled with even more filibusters.

Moderate Democrats and Republicans are becoming rarer each election cycle, and with the loss of these people comes the loss of any sanity in our political process. The most stupid and most irrelevant items in the Congress will be used as partisan tactics to win the tiniest of political capital.

But what does this mean? The issue is a two-edged sword and it effects both liberals and conservatives. Gridlock will become the new norm, meaning very few bills will be passed by Congress. Presidents Obama’s agenda will become impossible to implement, but so will curbing some of his policies already in place. Nothing will effectively be

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done about the debt and deficit because there will be no agreement as what to cut and what taxes to increase.

To put it simply, the next two years will be like living with two bitter roommates. They’ll fight over any issue, blame one another for causing problems and expect you to side with them. Except that in the case of Congress, it’s our entire bloody government acting like children.

And don’t think us Utahns aren’t somehow complicit in this problem. We threw out moderate Bob Bennett and replaced him with the more partisan Mike

Lee. Lee is not going to compromise with the Democrats and certainly not during his first two years in office when we are paying the most attention to him. No, we Utahns are just as guilty for the ensuing deadlock that is going to happen.

But with the direction that this country has been heading and the kind of legislation passed lately, perhaps an inept and gridlocked government is not so bad after all. A government that can’t do anything, can’t do anything stupid.

So don’t get your hopes up next Tuesday. There isn’t going to be a wonderful Republican revolution or a return to statesmanlike conduct. Rather expect bitter gridlock and partisanship as we try to navigate the next two years through Washington’s incompetency.

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Aware: Stretch yourselves

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of a national newspaper are a great place to start.

To me, being curious is about stretching yourself and learning something that makes you feel uncomfortable – at least at first. That might mean taking classes outside your major, or it might mean delving further into your major by participating in Honors and/or Undergraduate Research – in fact, we’re celebrating Undergraduate Research nationally today: look in your colleges for examples.

Of more than 3,000 undergraduate degrees conferred last year, only 14 percent of them were bachelor of arts degrees, indicating that the recipient had achieved at least four semesters of a second language. Yes, English is often the language of commerce. Learning a second language is not just about being able to conduct business in Spanish or Mandarin – although that, too, is important – but it’s about making a connection with someone who is different from you; forging new connections in your brain as you learn expressions of emotion and thought that are untranslatable. How fantastic is that – to learn to express an emotion you’ve always had but never had the words for in another language. “No

tengo ganas” is one of my favorite examples. You can look up the English translation, but it doesn’t quite capture the full meaning in Spanish. “Je ne sais quoi” is a great French example. When you learn another language, you can’t help becoming curious about the cultures that speak it. You might even have the opportunity to study abroad to see the culture for yourself. You’ll never have this chance again: jump on it.

So, yes, I want you to read the paper and to know what’s going on in the world around you, to come to understand why the Haitian earthquake makes a difference in your life. College is the ideal place to start this habit of mind, as you have a bevy of experts around you to help explain the connections and history of the stories you don’t quite understand. Oh, and here’s another tip: a lot of the real news is hidden in the business pages. Don’t skip them.

I don’t believe that curiosity killed the cat, but if it did, as arts activist Arnold Edinborough said, the cat died nobly.

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Be Well: Jason Allen

At his heaviest, Jason Allen, Junction worker, weighed 410 lbs. He said he knew he needed to lose weight because he was 30 years old, always tired and in pain.

“My back hurt, my feet hurt and I felt too young to hurt like that,” Allen said. “My doctor even wanted to set me up an MRI at the hospital because of my feet. I needed a change.”

Junk food was a big factor, Allen said, and a large reason he couldn’t lose the weight. He said he would eat out four to five times a week.

Today, Allen weighs 250 lbs and has lost a total of 160 lbs in 13 months. He received an appetite suppressant to help him begin to lose weight, but even then, he said he had quite the challenge on his hands.

“Controlling my portions and staying away from junk food was the hardest part,” he said. It took two or three weeks to get the junk food out of my system. After that, I didn’t crave it anymore and I could stay away from the bad stuff. I have no desire for it anymore.”

Allen said as far as his exercise program goes, he started out slow and has increased his stamina to where he is today. He uses an elliptical machine for an hour each day and follows the P90X exercise program for strength training.

Allen said for anyone who wants to lose weight, there is hope.

“You just have to stick with it,” he said. “I have tried to help several people and they try to do it for a week or two and if they don’t see any results, they quit. You have to stick to it.”

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Charges dropped against 3 in NY anti-gay attacks

NEW YORK (AP) – Prosecutors on Tuesday dropped charges against three people accused of taking part in anti-gay attacks on two men and two teens, citing a lack of evidence.

Bryan Almonte and Brian Cepeda, both 17, and Steven Carabello, 16, had been charged with robbery, gang assault and unlawful imprisonment as hate crimes in the Oct. 3 attacks.

Eight other people remain accused in the case, which city officials called the worst anti-gay attacks in recent history. It's possible more people will be arrested because investigators are still working.

Family members and friends cheered outside court after the charges were dismissed, and the three boys' attorneys said they were pleased with the outcome. Almonte's attorney John O'Connell said his client thought he was at a party in the abandoned home where prosecutors say three of the victims were assaulted.

"He's a victim here," O'Connell said.

Almonte's girlfriend, 14-year-old Paola Suarez, said she was "so happy because my baby is getting out."

Attorney Paul Horowitz, who represented Carabello, said he imagined his client "will try to get his life back together."

Authorities said a loosely organized street crew known as the Latin King Goonies found out one of their recruits was gay – and when they found out, they snapped, setting off a weekend rampage. The recruit, a 17-year-old boy, was beaten and sodomized at the abandoned apartment, which they used as a hangout. The gang members then went after



CHARGES OF ANTI-GAY gang violence are dropped against Bryan Almonte, who was rushed to the hospital after suffering a medical emergency in New York on Oct. 8. Almonte is one of seven suspects under arrest in connection with a horrific anti-gay gang attack on three men in the Bronx. *AP photo*

a 30-year-old man known throughout the Bronx neighborhood as The Queen, who they believed had had a sexual encounter with the teen, prosecutors said.

The man was burned, beaten, tortured and sodomized with a miniature baseball bat, police said.

Almonte had been accused of taking part in that assault.

The 30-year-old was attacked at the apartment hours after the initial assault. While he was

as hate crimes. Their attorneys and families insist they are innocent and are not members of a gang. They say that the suspects have not been allowed to tell their sides of the story and that the 30-year-old man was paying boys for sex. The age of consent in New York is 16.

Cepeda's attorney Philippe Dussec said it took a while for prosecutors to sift through the accusations and determine the three 17-year-old suspects weren't involved.

"They did the right thing," he said.

Cepeda got into a car and left without speaking to reporters.

Also Tuesday, the most recently arrested suspect in the case was indicted by a grand jury on a charge of gang assault and robbery. He was being held on \$250,000 bail and will be arraigned Nov. 23.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg, in prepared remarks before an Oct. 4 dinner for Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, called the attacks "completely unacceptable" and promised "the perpetrators of the abuse and torture in the Bronx will be spared no mercy."

Bloomberg said he was sickened by the accusations of violence "and saddened by the anti-gay bias."

The beatings followed a nationwide string of anti-gay attacks and teen suicides attributed to anti-gay bullying, including the beating of a patron at the Stonewall Inn, a Manhattan bar that's been a symbol of the gay rights movement since protests over a 1969 police raid there.

Iran loads fuel rods into first nuclear power plant

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) – Iran began the process of loading 163 fuel rods into the reactor core of its first nuclear power plant on Tuesday, celebrating the achievement as proof that Tehran can outmaneuver international sanctions.

The plant, built with Russian help in the southern port city of Bushehr, is not among the aspects of Iran's nuclear program that are of top concern to the international community and is not directly subject to sanctions. It has international approval and is supervised by the U.N.'s nuclear monitoring agency.

Nevertheless, Iran has touted its startup as an act of defiance in the face of the penalties and has held up the plant as evidence that it only has peaceful nuclear intentions. The United States and some of its allies believe Bushehr and Iran's other civil nuclear work is providing cover for a secret weapons program under development.

"The great Iranian nation can manage the sanctions with its resistance, efforts and endeavors and this is its proof," Vice President Ali Akbar Salehi told a news conference broadcast on state TV.

The U.N. Security Council has slapped four rounds of sanctions against Iran over a separate track of its nuclear program – its enrichment of uranium, which can be a gate-

way to developing atomic weapons.

Iran denies such an intention and says it only seeks to master the technology to produce fuel for a planned network of nuclear power facilities, starting with Bushehr.

On Tuesday, Iran loaded the first three fuel assemblies into the plant's reactor core, beginning a process that will take two months, said Salehi, who is also head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran.

The facility is expected to begin supplying electricity to the grid by mid-February.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton made it clear Tuesday that Washington sees a distinction between Bushehr and other

nuclear tracks it suspects are meant to give Tehran potential pathways to weapons.

"Iran is entitled to the peaceful use of nuclear power," she said after speaking at a U.N. Security Council meeting to promote women's participation in peacekeeping. "They are not entitled to a nuclear weapons program."

She said she was hopeful that Iran would agree to resume negotiations over the other aspects of its nuclear work.

The European Union has proposed a new round of talks with Iran in Vienna in mid-November with the participation of the United States, Britain, China, France, Russia and Germany.



EMPLOYEES WORK IN a part of the electricity generating plant of the Bushehr nuclear power plant, just outside the southern city of Bushehr, Iran, on Oct. 26. Iran began loading fuel into the core of its first nuclear power plant on Tuesday, moving closer to the start up of the facility. *AP photo*

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C139-11 Aggie Barn Researcher DOE

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C194-98 Undergrad Tas For Labs & Paper Graders \$8/hr

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C208-11 Part-time Photo Lab Mngr. C316-08 Research Assistant 800/mo

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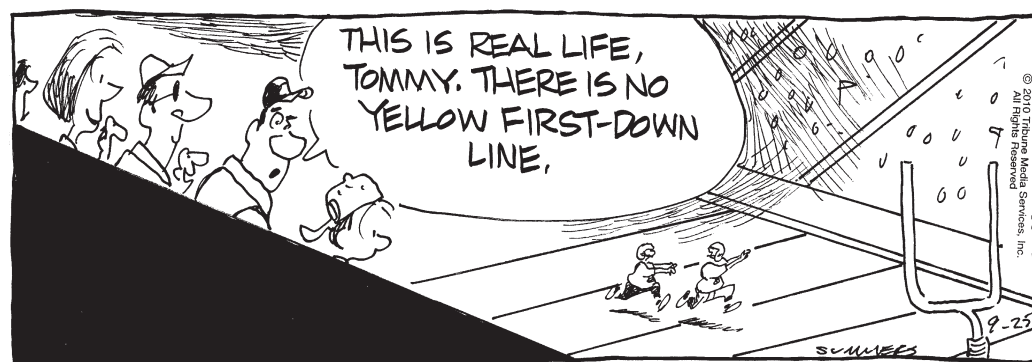
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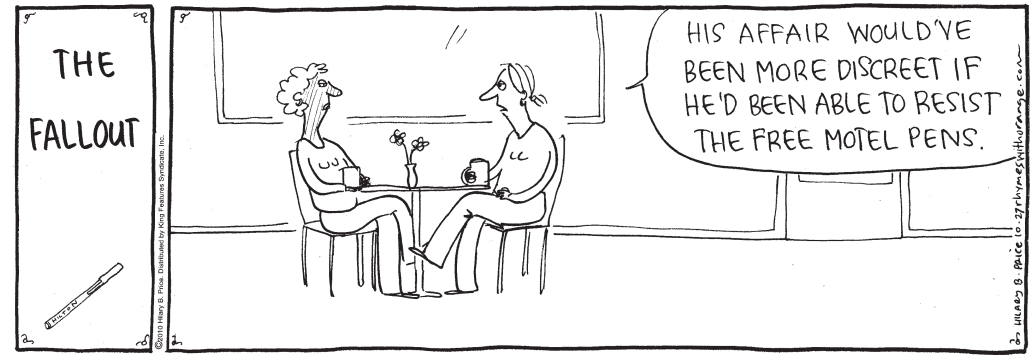
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C134-09 Laboratory Technician minimum \$7.25
C060-10 Tutor Lab Instructor \$9.50
C257-00 Programmer \$9-13 DOE
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C110-10 Fitness Program Instructor \$10.00 - \$12.00
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6487 Toys R Us Store Manager Varies
6531 Truck Driver
6541 Babysitter/nanny \$25/day
6551 Marketing Rep/ Sales Closer \$12-\$18 per hour
6336 Financial Advisor
6615 Bench Chemist(laboratory Supervisor) Salary
6485 Toys R Us Sales Associate Varies
6486 Toys R Us Department Supervisor Varies
6629 Personal Trainer
6671 Sr. Graphic Designer Position Available Starting Salary: 42 - 55k
6670 Telephone Sales & Marketing \$8.50/ hr
6621 Appointment Setter Negotiable
6682 Software Engineer BOE
6687 Marketing Consultant \$3000+/Month
6658 Software Engineer Based on Experience
6697 Programmer
6688 Optional Gymnastics Coach \$13+ based on experience
6704 Route Manager
6716 Direct Advertiser
6714 Instructional Assistant \$9.45
6712 Instructional Specialist \$9.92 per hour
6717 Salesperson \$8.50 - \$12
6721 Nanny \$7-12/hour

6710 English Tutor \$10/hour
6722 Sales Manager
6653 Tutor 8th Grade Math & Science \$10.00 hour
6724 Sales Rep! 120
6723 Hang Door Hangers! 50.00
6732 Accounts Receivable Collections \$9.00 per hour
6734 Sales Associate
6725 Santa Dependent on experience
0220 Marketing/administrative Assistant 7.50 to 8.00/hr
6739 Customer Service/order Processor
6741 Sales Rep base/com
6740 Training Development Assistant \$8.00 per hour
6742 Customer Service Rep 8-9 hr
6743 Family And Consumer Science Teacher Teacher Salary Schedule
6744 Day Care Provider
6069 Modeling DOE
2179 Part Time Mover \$9+ DOE
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6748 Sales/marketing
6752 Cna/caregiver \$925.00 per month
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6751 Paid Music Promotion Opportunity \$50
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6764 Geomorphic Technician- Rio Grande, Tx 22/hr
6765 Database Developer And Manager \$15/hour
6762 Child Care Negotiable
6760 Tech Support Nerds
6759 Fiberglass Router \$8-\$12/hour
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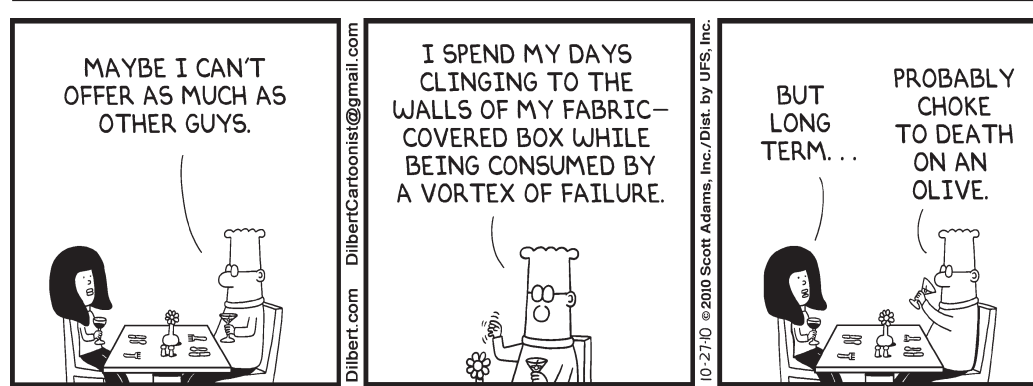
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by Linda Thistle

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Super Crossword

BY GEORGE!

ACROSS 1 Smash letters 4 -de-lance figure 7 Valhalla villain 11 Ruined 16 Greenish yellow 18 Make like foal 19 Fathered a foal 20 Navy builder 21 Film directed by George Cukor 23 Opera by George Gershwin 25 "Aida" composer 26 Entire range 28 Turn about 29 Congeal 30 Always 32 Art deco designer 34 "Lee" ("59 hit) 37 Engineering feat by George Goethals 40 Scent 41 Petty or Poston 42 Funnymen Philips 43 Cry of concern 46 Nightingale prop 49 Tune 52 Strait 56 TV's "Family ____" 58 Folklore figure 59 Active types 60 68 Bee Gees hit 62 Spanish shout 63 Sheltered, at sea 65 Tiers 67 Producer Prince 68 Fiber source 69 Novel by George Orwell 73 Song by George Harrison 76 Lonely fish? 77 Max ____ 78 Bailiwick 80 Hautbois 81 Sapporo sash 82 Gaggles 84 "The Creation" composer 86 Writer Runyon 90 Tongues of fire 92 Sign a check 94 Bronze feature 95 Paradise 96 Role for Liz 97 Wondement 99 Eat in the evening 100 Rock's David Lee ____ 102 Role played by George Clooney 108 Bayreuth's locale 111 Scandinavian seaport 112 Drench 113 West ender? 114 Swenson of "Benson" 116 Data 118 Kinshasa's country 122 Play by George Bernard Shaw 126 Comic strip by George Herriman 128 Wagner heroine 129 Designer Perry 130 Sundown, to Shelley 131 Splinter group 132 Heavy blows 133 "Sad ____" ("79 hit) 134 Willy 135 "I told you so!" DOWN 1 Eastern European 2 Take a taxi 3 Actor Sharif 4 Remote 5 Bit of wit 6 Melodious 7 Ray of "GoodFellas" 8 Rink legend 9 Beer barrels 10 Pastoral poems 11 "The Burning ____" ("84 film) 12 Research site 13 Corpulent 14 North Sea feeder 15 Heron's home 17 German port 19 Rebuff 20 "Slammin' Sam" 22 Parvati's spouse 24 Mustangs and Pintos 27 "____ culpa" 31 Part of EMT 33 Panache 35 Drives and drives? 36 "____ Speed" 37 Use a ewer 38 Snowballs, sometimes 39 Designer Chanel 41 Explosive initials 44 Author Wallace 45 Honolulu hello 47 Native New Zealander 48 Damascus dish 50 Censure 51 Grasso or Wilcox 53 Munich mister 54 Luncheonette lure 55 Australian st. 56 Wing it 57 Descartes or Levesque 59 Censor's creator 61 Boca __, FL 64 Sprites 66 Vow 68 It's heard in a hard 69 Beginning on 70 Clavell's "____ House" 71 Ancient epic 72 Photographer Adams 74 Robert of "Airplane!" 75 Fountain order 79 Sweater letter 82 Doge city? 83 Chemical ending 85 Bargain 87 Pine for 88 Burden 89 Short snooze 91 TV tycoon 93 Extinct bird 94 Cuban currency 96 Audrey Meadows' birthplace 98 Spendthrift 101 Clan 103 Egyptian deity 104 Arm bones 105 Political abbr. 106 Make fun of 107 Approves 108 Reckless 109 Type of pear 110 Think alike 113 Send out 115 With skill 117 instruments 119 Turner and Pappas 120 Marathon 121 Kitchen addition? 123 Vintage 124 Sis. 125 Barley beverage 127 ____ which way (carelessly)

Statesman **Back Burner**

Wednesday
Oct. 27

- Cache Valley Diaper Drive, All Day
- Men's Golf at Cullum Invitational, All Day
- HOPE Festival, International Lounge, 10 a.m.
- Meditation Club, TSC 335, 12 p.m.
- ARC Workshop, TSC 335, 3:30 p.m.
- Men's Basketball Blue and White Game, Spectrum, 7 p.m.
- Poe in the Dark, ESLC 130, 7:30 p.m.
- Why Sound Concert, 8 p.m.

Thursday
Oct. 28

- Cache Valley Diaper Drive, All Day
- Weight Watchers at Work, TSC 335, 11:30 a.m.
- Multicultural Student Group, TSC 315a, 12:30 p.m.
- Friends of Merrill-Cazier Library, Library 101, 6 p.m.
- Helicon West, True Aggie Cafe, 7 p.m.
- Suessical the Musical, Morgan Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- Women's Volleyball at San Jose State, 8 p.m.

Friday
Oct. 29

- Cache Valley Diaper Drive, All Day
- Farmtastic Fall, AWHC, All Day
- HASS Distinguished Alumni Speaker, Alumni House, 12:30 p.m.
- Hockey vs. USU, Eccles Ice Center, 7 p.m.
- Phantom Masquerade Ball, Whittier Community Center, 7 p.m.
- Science Unwrapped, ESLC 130, 7 p.m.
- Suessical the Musical, Morgan Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- USU Chamber Singers and Symphony Orchestra, St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 7:30 p.m.

Pass fail dates

The Registrar's Office would like to remind everyone that Oct. 29 is the last day to change to P/D+/D/F Option. From Oct. 30-Nov. 15 drops will require a late drop form (WF on Transcript).

Miller ski film

Warren Miller's Ski and Snowboarding film "Wintervention" will be shown at the Kent Concert Hall Oct. 28-29th at 8 p.m. Advanced tickets are \$16 at Al's Sporting Goods or the Fine Arts CCA Box Office. Door \$18. Includes free mid-week lift ticket to the Canyon's.

Research Day

Celebrate Undergraduate Research Day honors the merger of two national organizations, CUR and NCUR. Poster displays in colleges. The Caine College of the Arts features a panel and reception, 6-8 pm in FAV 102 on Oct. 27.

Band invitational

Bridgerland Band Invitational is Oct. 30 at Romney Stadium from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Adults \$5, Students \$3, Family \$25. For more information and complete schedule email: mcmarchingband@gmail.com

Dr. Audrey Osler

On Oct. 27 from 6-7 p.m. in room 507 of the University Inn, visiting scholar Dr. Audrey Osler will be giving a presentation on children's human rights in education. All are welcome.

Soccer tourney

There will be a co-ed soccer tournament on Oct. 30. Prices are \$40/team or \$7/person. Prizes will be awarded to the top two teams! Email ussoccer@gmail.com for more information!

You need to know....

The Utah State University College Republicans are hosting another **Concealed Weapons Permit** Class on Oct. 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$45 that can be paid in cash or check on the day of the class. Must be 21 to get your state permit. Class provides you with everything you need to send your application in. Will be held in AGSC 202.

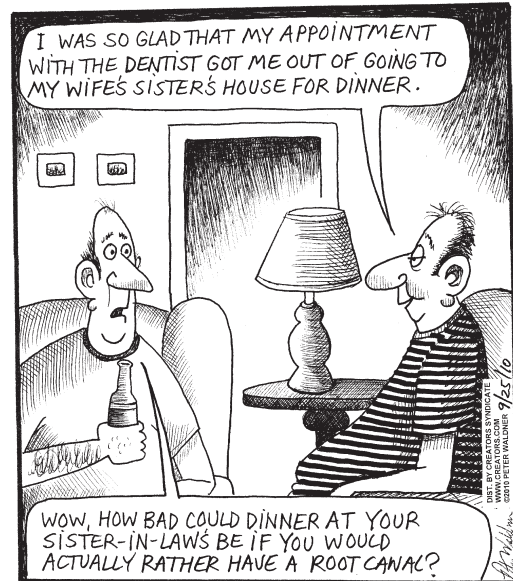
Perfectionism and **Procrastination Workshop** Oct. 27 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in TSC 335. You do not have to register to attend. For additional information, please contact the Academic Resource Center at (435) 797-1128.

To celebrate **"Make a Difference Day"** - National Day of Doing Good - AmeriCorps volunteers will be encouraging customers at Wal-Mart to shop for a pack of diapers or other mother/infant items while they are inside and to drop them off as they leave. The drive ends Oct. 30. Donations will help children in need at the Child & Family Support Center, CAPSA, North Campus, and Riverside Elementary.

5K/1 Mile Fun Run at Ryan's Place Park located at 400S. 600 E. in River Heights on Oct. 30 at 9 a.m. Cost is \$15 for adults (T-shirt included), children under 12 and birth parents are free. Register at Al's Sporting Goods. Prizes for best costume and first finishers. Come learn about and show support for adoption.

All ages are invited to celebrate **Halloween Stokes Nature Center** from 5-8 p.m. on Oct. 29. There will be fireside storytellers with frightful tales from the Logan area, mad scientific experiments, and creepy crafts for kids! Participants can also learn about bats, owls, and other creatures of the night. Suggested donation is \$3 per person, \$10 per family. Costumes are encouraged. For more info, please call 435-755-3239.

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